2015 USC Holiday Bowl Guide

#6 Cody Kessler
Sr. QB
2015 Unitas Award Finalist

#21 Su'a Cravens
Jr. OLB
2014-15 All-Pac-12 First Team

Clay Helton
USC Head Coach

#9 JuJu Smith-Schuster
So. WR
2015 All-Pac-12 First Team
Biletnikoff Award Semifinalist

#99 Antwaun Woods
Sr. DT
2015 All-Pac-12 First Team

#2 Adoree' Jackson
So. CB-WR-RET
2015 All-Pac-12 First Team
Hornung Award Finalist

#73 Zach Banner
Jr. OT
2015 All-Pac-12 First Team

USC: AMERICA'S BOWL TEAM

USC has a remarkable record in bowl games. Entering the 2015 bowl season, the Trojans have the nation's fourth highest bowl winning percentage (.673) among the 86 schools that have made at least 10 bowl appearances (behind Marshall's .818, Utah's .778 and Miami of Ohio's .700). USC's 33 bowl victories are second behind Alabama's 34 for most in the nation (not including 1 win for both teams vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 34 for USC, 35 for Alabama). Troy's 49 bowl appearances are sixth most, behind Alabama (62), Texas (53), Nebraska (51), Tennessee (50) and Georgia (50) (not including 2 USC appearances and 1 Alabama appearance vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 51 for USC, 63 for Alabama). USC once won 9 consecutive bowl games (the 1923-30-32-33-39-40-44-45 Rose Bowls and 1924 Christmas Festival); only Florida State has won more in a row (11).

USC's overall post-season record is 33-16 (not including 1 win and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 34-17). The Trojans were a bowl participant each year they were eligible from 1972 to 1990 (USC was banned from bowl participation in 1980-82-83).

Troy has appeared in an unprecedented 32 Rose Bowls, where it has a 24-8 mark (.742) (not including 1 appearance and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 33 Rose Bowls, 24-9, .718). That's not only the most Rose Bowl wins of any team, but also the most wins by a school in a single bowl. USC has won 11 of its last 13 Rose Bowls (not including 1 appearance and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 11 of its last 14). USC is the only team to have won 3 consecutive Rose Bowls (2007-08-09). USC twice played in 4 consecutive Rose Bowl games (1967 to 1970 and 2006 to 2009); Ohio State (1973-76) is the only other team to have done so.

USC has also appeared in 13 other bowls—the Christmas Festival, Liberty Bowl, Bluebonnet Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Aloha Bowl, Florida Citrus Bowl, Sun (John Hancock) Bowl (3 times), Freedom Bowl (twice), Cotton Bowl, Las Vegas Bowl (twice), Orange Bowl (twice), Emerald Bowl and Holiday Bowl.

USC has made 5 BCS bowl appearances (2003 Orange Bowl vs. Iowa, 2004 Rose Bowl vs. Michigan, 2007 Rose Bowl vs. Michigan, 2008 Rose Bowl vs. Illinois, 2009 Rose Bowl vs. Penn State) (not including 2 appearances—2005 Orange Bowl vs. Oklahoma, 2006 Rose Bowl vs. Texas—vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: an unprecedented 7 consecutive BCS bowl appearances). USC's 5 overall BCS bowl trips are tied for seventh most, behind Ohio State's 9, Oklahoma's 9, Florida State's 8, Florida's 7, Viginia Tech's 6 and Alabama's 6 (not including 2 appearances vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: 7 appearances, tied for fourth most; also, 1 Ohio State appearance vacated by NCAA penalty). USC's 5 BCS bowl wins are tied with Ohio State for the most of any school (not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record; 6 victories, tied with Ohio State for most; also, 1 Ohio State win vacated by NCAA penalty).

USC'S ROSE BOWL RECORD

1923—USC 14, Penn State 3
1930—USC 47, Pittsburgh 14
1932—USC 21, Tulane 12
1933—USC 35, Pittsburgh 0
1939—USC 7, Duke 3
1940—USC 14, Tennessee 0
1944—USC 29, Washington 0
1945—USC 25, Tennessee 0
1946—Alabama 34, USC 14
1948—Michigan 49, USC 0
1953—USC 7, Wisconsin 0
1955—Ohio State 20, USC 7
1963—USC 42, Wisconsin 37
1967—Purdue 14, USC 13
1968—USC 14, Indiana 3
1969—Ohio State 27, USC 16
1970—USC 10, Michigan 3
1973—USC 42, Ohio State 17
1974—Ohio State 42, USC 21
1975—USC 18, Ohio State 17
1977—USC 14, Michigan 6
1979—USC 17, Michigan 10
1980—USC 17, Ohio State 16
1985—USC 20, Ohio State 17
1988—Michigan State 20, USC 17
1989—Michigan 22, USC 14
1990—USC 17, Michigan 10
1996—USC 41, Northwestern 32
*2004—USC 28, Michigan 14
*2006—Texas 41, USC 38** (BCS Championship Game)
*2007—USC 32, Michigan 18
*2008—USC 49, Illinois 17
*2009—USC 38, Penn State 24

USC'S RECORD IN OTHER BOWLS

1924—USC 20, Missouri 7 (Christmas Festival)
1975—USC 20, Texas A&M 0 (Liberty Bowl)
1977—USC 47, Texas A&M 28 (Bluebonnet Bowl)
1982—Penn State 26, USC 10 (Fiesta Bowl)
1985—Alabama 24, USC 3 (Aloha Bowl)
1987—Auburn 16, USC 7 (Florida Citrus Bowl)
1990—Michigan State 17, USC 16 (John Hancock Bowl)
1992—Fresno State 24, USC 7 (Freedom Bowl)
1993—USC 28, Utah 21 (Freedom Bowl)
1995—USC 55, Texas Tech 14 (Cotton Bowl)
1998—TCU 28, USC 19 (Sun Bowl)
2001—Utah 10, USC 6 (Las Vegas Bowl)
*2003—USC 38, Iowa 17 (Orange Bowl)
*2005—USC 55**, Oklahoma 19 (Orange Bowl, BCS Championship Game)
2009—USC 24, Boston College 13 (Emerald Bowl)
2012—Georgia Tech 21, USC 7 (Sun Bowl)
2013—USC 45, Fresno State 20 (Las Vegas Bowl)
2014—USC 45, Nebraska 42 (Holiday Bowl)
*BCS Bowl game
**2005 win and 2006 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty

USC QUICK FACTS

Location--Los Angeles, Calif. 90089
University Telephone--(213) 740-2311
Founded--1880
Size--235 acres
Enrollment--43,000 (19,000 undergraduates)
President--C. L. Max Nikias
Colors--Cardinal and Gold
Nickname--Trojans
Band--Trojan Marching Band (270 members)
Fight Song--"Fight On"
Mascot--Traveler VII
Official Athletic Website--USCTrojans.com
First Football Team--1888
USC's All-Time Football Record--813*-332-54 (70.1%)
Stadium--Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (93,607 capacity, grass)
Conference--Pacific-12
Athletic Director--Pat Haden
Head Football Coach--Clay Helton (Houston, 1994)
Record at USC--6-3, Second year
Overall College Coaching Record--6-3, Second year
Coach's Telephone--(213) 740-4204
Offensive Formation--Multiple
Defensive Formation--3-4 Multiple
**Not including 14 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty (original record: 827-333-54, 70.3%)*

USC FOOTBALL HOLIDAY BOWL NOTES

RANKINGS
USC is not ranked in either the AP or USA Today polls. Wisconsin is 23rd in both polls.

SERIES
USC has won all 6 meetings with Wisconsin, but the teams last met in 1966 (a 38-3 home win for USC) in a series conducted in the 1950s and 60s. USC and Wisconsin twice have played in the post-season, with Trojan victories in the 1953 and 1963 Rose Bowls (by 7-0 and 42-37 scores, respectively). The 1963 Rose Bowl is one of the most famous in history, as the No. 2-ranked Badgers nearly came back from a 42-17 fourth quarter deficit behind the passing of Ron VanderKelen (33-of-48 for 401 yards overall) before falling to top-ranked USC (Pete Beathard threw 4 TDs), giving coach John McKay his first national championship. The 1953 Rose Bowl was Wisconsin's first-ever bowl game. The other meetings were in 1955 in the Coliseum (33-21 USC win) and 1956 and 1965 in Madison (13-6 and 26-6 USC wins, respectively).

HELTON NOW HEAD COACH
On Nov. 30, **Clay Helton** was named USC's head coach, dropping the interim head coach title he had held since Oct. 12 (for USC's final 7 regular season games) after starting the 2015 season as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach. Helton replaced second-year head coach Steve Sarkisian, who was asked to take an indefinite leave of absence on Oct. 11 and then terminated the following day because his "conduct did not meet USC's standards and expectations of a head coach." The 43-year-old Helton, who has been at USC since 2010, is 6-3 as a Trojan head coach (5-3 in 2015) and guided the 2015 Trojans to the Pac-12 South Division co-championship and a berth in the Pac-12 Championship Game. He served as Troy's interim head coach in the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl, a victory over Fresno State (he also was Memphis' interim head coach for several months in early 2006 when head coach Tommie West had off-season heart surgery). At USC, he coached record-setting quarterbacks Matt Barkley and **Cody Kessler**. He previously served 10 seasons (2000-09) at Memphis, 3 years (1997-99) at Houston and 2 years (1995-96) at Duke. His father, Kim, was a longtime assistant coach in college and the NFL, and was head coach at the University of Houston. His brother, Tyson, is a longtime collegiate assistant (currently the offensive coordinator at Western Kentucky). Clay was a quarterback at Auburn (1991-92) and Houston (1993-94), where he played under his father.

OTHER STAFF CHANGES
When **Clay Helton** became USC's interim head coach, he had associate head coach offense **Marques Tuiasosopo** succeed him as quarterbacks coach (from tight ends coach). Helton remained as the offensive coordinator. Tuiasosopo was a record-setting quarterback at Washington (1997-2000), where he was the 2000 Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year and 2001 Rose Bowl MVP, and then played in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders for 7 seasons (2001-06, 2008) and the New York Jets in 2007. Offensive administrative assistant **Lenny Vandermade**, a 4-year (2000-03) starting offensive lineman at USC, replaced Tuiasosopo as tight ends coach. Then on Dec. 6, some 6 days after becoming the permanent head coach on Nov. 30, Helton released defensive coordinator Justin Wilcox, defensive line coach Chris Wilson, defensive backs coach/pass game coordinator defense Keith Heyward and offensive line coach/run game coordinator Bob Connelly. USC's remaining fulltime coaching staff is wide receivers coach **Tee Martin** (named in 2015 by Sports Illustrated and Sporting News among the nation's Top 10 recruiters and the Rivals.com Pac-12 Recruiter of the Year), who was given the offensive coordinator title in mid-December, plus running backs coach/special teams coordinator/assistant head coach **Johnny Nansen** and linebackers coach/recruiting coordinator/associate head coach defense **Peter Sirmon**, who will serve as the defensive coordinator for the Holiday Bowl. The vacant roles of the 4 released coaches will be filled for the Holiday Bowl by a combination of graduate assistant coaches and football staffers. The graduate assistant coaches are **Jaron Fairman** (offense), **Patrick Henderson** (defense) and **Drew Pearson** (defense), along with newcomer **Mike Goff**, a former Iowa and NFL offensive lineman who is working with the offense. Henderson (safeties) and Pearson (cornerbacks) will handle the secondary for the Holiday Bowl, while Goff will handle the offensive line. Several other football staffers have been elevated to fulltime assistant coach status for the Holiday Bowl: assistant strength and conditioning coach **Kenechi Udeze** and volunteer football analyst **Mike Tuiasosopo** will handle the defensive line, while defensive administrative assistants **Ricky Brown** and **Keynodo Hudson** will help with the linebackers and special teams, respectively.

UNRANKED IN A BOWL
Since the AP poll began in 1936, this will be the 12th time that USC has entered a bowl game unranked. The others: 1944 Rose Bowl (29-0 win over No. 12 Washington), 1967 Rose Bowl (14-13 loss to No. 7 Purdue), 1975 Liberty Bowl (20-0 win over No. 2 Texas A&M), 1985 Aloha Bowl (24-3 loss to No. 15 Alabama), 1986 Citrus Bowl (16-7 loss to No. 10 Auburn), 1993 Freedom Bowl (28-21 win over unranked Utah), 1998 Sun Bowl (28-19 loss to unranked TCU), 2001 Las Vegas Bowl (10-6 loss to unranked Utah), 2009 Emerald Bowl (24-13 win over unranked Boston College), 2012 Sun Bowl (21-7 loss to unranked Georgia Tech) and 2013 Las Vegas Bowl (45-20 win to unranked Fresno State). USC is 5-6 unranked in bowls, including 2-3 against ranked opponents.

14-GAME SEASON
This will be just the second time in its history that USC has played 14 games in a season. The 2013 Trojans were 10-4 (that also was the only other season besides 2015 in which USC had an interim head coach, with Ed Orgeron and then Clay Helton filling that role in 2013).

VERSUS BIG TEN
USC is 74-27-3 (.726) against current Big Ten opponents. USC has won its last 13 games against Big Ten foes, as well as 34 of its last 42 games (and 41 of its last 50). USC is 19-9 against the Big Ten in bowls and has won the last 8 bowl meetings. USC's most recent game against a Big Ten foe was a 45-42 win over Nebraska in the 2014 Holiday Bowl. On the other hand, Wisconsin is 22-34-2 (.397) against current Pac-12 members. The Badgers have lost their past 4 games against the Pac-12, most recently falling on the road at Arizona State in 2013, 32-30. In bowls, however, Wisconsin is 6-5 against the Pac-12, but has lost its last 2 such meetings (to Oregon in the 2012 Rose Bowl and Stanford in the 2013 Rose Bowl).

SEASON ENDERS
USC is 68-41-11 (.613) in all season finales (not including 1 win and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 69-42-11, .611.)

IN DECEMBER
USC has 41-26-7 (.601) all-time record while playing in the month of December (not including 2 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 43-26-7 (.612).

AT NIGHT
USC owns a 161-52-4 (.751) record at night, including 94-27-4 in the Coliseum, 53-21 on the road and 14-4 at neutral sites. (Does not include 5 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 166-53-4, .753 overall, 97-27-4 in the Coliseum, 16-5 at neutral sites; USC had a school-record 32-game winning streak at home at night from 1997 to 2010.)

WISCONSIN CONNECTIONS
USC has no players on its roster from Wisconsin, but the Badgers have 6 Californians: K **Andrew Endicott** (Sacramento, Jesuit HS), OL **Kevin Estes** (San Marcos, San Marcos HS), QB **Bart Houston** (Dublin, De La Salle HS), ILB **Leon Jacobs** (Santa Clarita, Golden Valley HS), TE **Kyle Penniston** (Orange, Mater Dei HS) and NT **Olive Sagapolu** (Huntington Beach, Mater Dei HS)…Wisconsin wide receivers coach **Ted Gilmore** served in a similar capacity at USC in 2011…The athletic directors at both USC (**Pat Haden**) and Wisconsin (**Barry Alvarez**) have served on the College Football Playoff committee…USC men's volleyball head coach **Jeff Nygaard** helped La Follette High in Madison, Wisc., to the 1987 and 1989 state championships and a runner-up finish in 1988 as a prep volleyball player…Former longtime USC radio play-by-play announcer **Tom Kelly** played football at Northland College in Ashland, Wisc…Six former USC lettermen list Wisconsin as their home state: FB **Stanley Burek** (1905-08, no hometown listed), HB **Gordon Campbell** (1921-23, no hometown listed, St. John's Military Academy), HB **Phillip Duboski** (1936, Beloit), E **John Milton** (1921-22, Milwaukee), QB **Rodney Peete** (1985-88, Green Bay) and G **Mel Pierson** (1947, Milwaukee, Washington HS); also, QB **Frank Swirles** (1939) attended St. John's Academy but does not list Wisconsin as his home state.

USC IN SAN DIEGO
USC has played just 7 games in San Diego, sporting a 3-3-1 record. The games were against: San Diego YMCA in 1897 (18-0 loss), San Diego High School in 1910 (32-0 win), 21st Infantry (U.S. Army) in 1917 (3-0 win), San Diego Navy in 1943 (10-7 loss while ranked fourth) and 1945 (33-6 loss while ranked sixth), San Diego State in 1992 (a season-opening 31-31 tie in Jack Murphy Stadium in the inaugural Ralphs Holiday Classic) and Nebraska in the 2014 Holiday Bowl (a 45-42 USC win). Also, USC has a 5-0 record against San Diego teams in the Coliseum, beating San Diego Navy in 1944 (28-21), 1951 (41-7) and 1952 (20-6) and San Diego State in 1998 (35-6) and 1999 (24-21).

SAN DIEGO CONNECTIONS

Four Trojans claim San Diego as their hometown: PK **Matt Boermeester** (Cathedral Catholic HS), TB **Lance Mudd** (Poway HS), TE **Taylor McNamara** (Westview HS) and SNP **Nick Schlossberg** (La Jolla Country Day HS)…USC quarterbacks coach/associate head coach offense **Marques Tuiasosopo** played in the 1999 Holiday Bowl while quarterbacking Washington…USC offensive assistant **Mike Goff** played guard for the San Diego Chargers (2004-08), then was a volunteer assistant coach at San Diego State (2010-11) and an assistant coach at Hilltop HS in Chula Vista (he also was a local sports radio and television analyst in San Diego after retiring from the NFL)…USC strength and conditioning coach **Ivan Lewis** was on the strength staffs of the San Diego Chargers (2004-2005) and the University of San Diego (2002-03)…USC head athletic trainer **Russ Romano** is a graduate of San Diego State…OLB **Su'a Cravens** is a distant cousin of San Diego Chargers linebacker Manti Te'o…Former USC sports information office intern **Will Ferrell** portrayed fictional San Diego television newscaster Ron Burgundy in the movie, "Anchorman"…Chargers president-business operations **A.G. Spanos** earned his bachelor's degree at USC…There have been 34 former Trojans who played for the San Diego Chargers: LB **Sam Anno** (1993), LB **Charles Anthony** (1974), LB **Chip Banks** (1987), RB **Ricky Bell** (1982), C **George Belotti** (1961), T **Booker Brown** (1975-77), LB-DE **Keith Browner** (1988), LB **Frank Buncom** (1962-67), LB **Steve Busick** (1987), WR **Curtis Conway** (2000-02), S **Kevin Ellison** (2009), G **Orlando Ferrante** (1961), T-G **James FitzPatrick** (1986-89), RB **Mike Garrett** (1970-73), E **Luther Hayes** (1961), CB-S **Darrel Hopper** (1987), T **Gary Kirner** (1964-69), TE **Bob Klein** (1977-80), LB **David Lewis** (1982), WR **Grant Mattos** (2003), Pro Football Hall of Fame G **Ron Mix** (1961-69), LB **Zeke Moreno** (2001-04), QB **Pat O'Hara** (1992), C **Marc Raab** (1998), LB **Tim Rossovich** (1972-73), QB **Sean Salisbury** (1996), DT **Harry Schmidt** (1961-64), Pro Football Hall of Fame and Super Bowl XXIX LB **Junior Seau** (1990-2002), G **Pat Shea** (1962-65), TB **Todd Spencer** (1987), WR **Timmie Ware** (1986-87), LB **Eric Williams** (1984), DT **Greg Wojcik** (1972-73) and CB **Shareece Wright** (2011-2014).

SAN DIEGO TROJANS

In its history, 69 USC lettermen claim San Diego as their hometown. Twenty-nine of them attended San Diego HS: E **Harold (Hobbs) Adams**, LHB **Gerald Burchard** (1933-35), HB **Cosimo Cutri** (1950-51), QB **Oliver Day** (1937-38), LHB **Coye Dunn** (1936), RE **Oliver Fletcher** (1948), C **Jack Fox** (1926-27), LT **John Fox** (1915-16, 1919), FB **Charles Gallindo** (1925), C **William King Hall** (1933-34), TB-WR **Michael Hayes** (1977, 1979), QB **Rockwell Kemp** (1927-29), QB **Frank (Rabbit) Malette** (1915-17), C **Duane Maley** (1941), RE **Salvador Mena** (1938-40), LE **Dick Reed** (1945), FB **Bert Ritchey** (1928, 1930), RG **Robert H. Sanders** (1934-36), FB **Russell Saunders** (1927-29), T **Albert Scheving** (1925-27), QB **Ambrose Schindler** (1936-39), RT **George Schutte** (1946-48), LG **William Seixas** (1942), LB **Jim Snow** (1966-68), RG **Ben Sohn** (1938-40), RT **C.W. Sprott** (1914), G **Gordon Thompson** (1923), RT **Bob Van Doren** (1950-52) and QB **Irvine (Cotton) Warburton** (1932-34). The other Trojan lettermen from San Diego were: PK **Adam Abrams** (1995-98) of Bishop's HS, OT **Pete Adams** (1970-72) of University HS, TB **Marcus Allen** (1978-81) of Lincoln HS, TB **Dillon Baxter** (2010-11) of Mission Bay HS, CB **Marcel Brown** (1990) of Point Loma HS, ROV **Pat Collins** (1973) of St. Augustine HS, PK **Jordan Congdon** (2009) of St. Augustine HS, S **Rashard Cook** (1995-98) of Morse HS, FB **Humphrey Covington** (1968-69) of Lincoln HS, RT **Bob de Lauer** (1939-41) of Hoover HS, RHB **Roy Engle** (1937-39) of Hoover HS, DE-TE **Lonnie Ford** (1998-2001) of Morse HS, TE **William Gay** (1975-77) of Hoover HS, DE **Jimmy Gunn** (1967069) of Lincoln HS, LE **Luther Hayes** (1958-60) of Lincoln HS, DT **Christian Heyward** (2012) of Point Loma HS, LT-LG **Clark Higgins** (1944) of Hoover HS, ROV **Doug Hogan** (1973-75) of Point Loma HS, S **Marcus Hopkins** (1988-90) of Lincoln HS, RG **Pete Kovac** (1934) of Point Loma HS, OG **John Lanza** (2005) of Horizon HS, CB **Tim Lavender** (1978) of Central HS, OLB **David Lewis** (1974-76) of Lincoln HS, S-CB **Mozique McCurtis** (2006-07) of St. Augustine HS, MG **Ralph Oliver** (1966-67) of Hoover HS, T **Volney Peters** (1948-50) of Hoover HS, SNP **Chris Pousson** (2008-11) of St. Augustine HS, C **Marc Raab** (1990-91) of Helix HS, PK **Adam Rendon** (1995, 1997) of San Dieguito HS, DT **Darrell Russell** (1994-96) of St. Augustine HS, DHB **Nate Shaw** (1964-66) of Lincoln HS, RG-LT **Pat Shea** (1960-61) of Mission Bay HS, LHB **Joe Shell** (1937-39) of Hoover HS, C **Edwin Simpson** (1915-16, 1919) of Army Navy Academy, LB **Greg Slough** (1969-70) of Point Loma HS, NG **Harold Steele** (1975-76) of Lincoln HS, SNP-TE **Cooper Stephenson** (2008-09) of Torrey Pines HS, FB **Hal Tobin** (1960-61) of Coronado HS, TB **Steven Webster** (1985-88) of Helix HS and G **Julian Whittier** (1929) of Army Navy Academy. Eleven of those San Diego Trojans—Pete Adams, Cutri, Gay, Lavender, Lewis, Oliver, Shaw, Shea, Slough, Steele and Tobin—plus OG-OT **Bill Bain** (1973-74) also attended San Diego CC, while Collins and Covington also attended San Diego Mesa JC. P **Kyle Negrete** (2011-12) played for the University of San Diego and DE **Andrew Weiss** (2008) played for UC San Diego. G **Bob Downs** (1950) and QB **George Murphy** (1044, 1946-48) played for San Diego Navy and C **Vern Sampson** (1953-55) played for San Diego Marines. C **Tom Cox** (1984-85), OT **Gaylord Kuamoo** (1984-85) and HB **Sam Russo** (1923) listed San Diego as their hometown, but did not attend high school there.

USC-WISCONSIN STAT COMPARISON

	USC	WISC
Rushing Offense	176.2	148.1
Passing Offense	273.5	229.2
Total Offense	449.6	377.3
Scoring Offense	34.9	27.1
Rushing Defense	147.2	97.9
Passing Defense	254.2	169.2
Total Defense	401.3	267.1
Scoring Defense	25.9	13.1
Turnover Margin	+0.9	+0.2

USC IN 2014 HOLIDAY BOWL

No. 24 USC—behind QB **Cody Kessler's** 3 touchdown passes, a pair of scores by both TB Javorius Allen and CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**, a pair of fourth quarter fourth-down defensive stops and a batted-down Hail Mary pass at the gun—held off No. 25 Nebraska, 45-42, in a wild shootout on a chilly evening in Troy's first appearance in the Holiday Bowl before a crowd of 55,789 fans in San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium and a national ESPN audience. It was USC's 33rd bowl victory (not including a win vacated by NCAA penalty), including its eighth in the past 9 bowls. The win kept USC undefeated against Nebraska in 5 meetings (it was the first time the teams met in the post-season). It was USC's 13th straight win over a Big Ten team, including 8 in a row in a bowl. The teams combined for 1,040 total yards and 87 points, with 4 touchdowns measuring more than 40 yards. There were 27 points scored in the first quarter and 38 in the third. After USC built a 45-27 lead late in the third quarter on Kessler's 20-yard TD pass to TE Bryce Dixon, Nebraska countered with a 65-yard scoring pass from QB Tommy Armstrong Jr. to WR Jordan Westerkamp. Nebraska was stopped on fourth down on the USC 34 on its next possession, but Armstrong raced 15 yards for a score (and then hit WR Kenny Bell on the conversion) on the Cornhuskers' next drive with 6:52 to play to pull within 3 points. USC then went 3-and-out for its third straight possession and Nebraska drove to the Trojan 31, only to be stopped short again on fourth down with 2:31 remaining. Nebraska got the ball back with 17 seconds to play and drove to its 44, but Armstrong's Hail Mary pass with 1 second to go was knocked away by WR Nelson Agholor, who was inserted to defend the play. After Nebraska opened the game's scoring on PK Drew Brown's 34-yard field goal when it took over at midfield following a partially blocked punt, Jackson ran back the ensuing kickoff a Holiday Bowl-record 98 yards for a TD. Nebraska answered with a 18-yard Armstrong-to-Bell TD pass, then USC countered with a 42-yard field goal by PK Andre Heidari to tie the game at 10-10 midway through the opening quarter. Armstrong hit WR De'Mornay Pierson-El with a 9-yard scoring pass late in the quarter, but USC responded again as Kessler found Agholor for a 17-yard TD early in the second quarter. The Trojans then took a 24-17 lead into halftime on Allen's 2-yard scoring run to cap an 80-yard drive. Nebraska benefitted from outstanding field position in the opening half, as the average start of its 9 first-half possession was its 45-yard line. USC extended its margin to 31-17 early in the second half when Kessler threw a short pass to Jackson, who raced 71 yards for a TD. The teams then traded TDs, with RB Ameer Abdullah getting a 20-yard TD run and Allen scoring on a 44-yard run. After Nebraska blocked another USC punt late in the third quarter and took over at the USC 16, Brown nailed a 24-yard field goal to pull the Cornhuskers within 38-27. USC won despite Nebraska having more total yards (525 to 515), passing yards (381 to 321), first downs (28 to 22), plays (94 to 73) and possession time (34:26 to 25:34). The Trojans were penalized 12 times for 97 yards and converted just 3-of-14 third downs (0-of-6 in the second half). Kessler, the game's Offensive MVP, completed 23-of-39 throws for 321 yards and 3 TDs with an interception, and he tied the USC season records for TD passes (39) and 300-yard passing games (7) and set season marks for completions (315), completion percentage (69.7), passing efficiency (167.1) and interception rate (1.11). Allen ran for a game-best 152 yards on 26 carries and had a 16-yard reception, giving him at least 100 all-purpose yards in every game of 2014. Jackson, who became the first Trojan since R. Jay Soward in 1996 with 2 scoring kick runbacks in a season, had 203 all-purpose yards (3 receptions for 73 yards and 3 kick returns for 130 yards) along with 7 tackles. Agholor caught 7 passes for 90 yards, giving him 104 catches in 2014 (third best in USC history). DE Leonard Williams, the game's Defensive MVP, and CB Josh Shaw each had a team-high 9 tackles (Williams had a sack), while LB Hayes Pullard added 8 stops to become the first Trojan since Dennis Johnson in 1977-79 to lead USC in tackles for 3 seasons. For Nebraska, Armstrong hit 32-of-51 passes for 381 yards with 3 TDs and an interception and he ran for 41 yards on 12 tries, Abdullah had 269 all-purpose yards (88 on 27 carries, 61 on 6 receptions and 120 on 3 kickoff returns), Pierson-El had 8 catches for 102 yards and Bell had 7 grabs for 71 yards. The Cornhuskers were led by interim head coach Barney Cotton, filling in after head coach Bo Pellini was released after the regular season. It was just USC's seventh game in San Diego and the first since 1992.

SCHOLARSHIP NUMBERS
USC's depth is dramatically improved in 2015 over last year, as the Trojans have 80 scholarship players (including 5 walk-ons who received scholarships). In 2014, which was USC's first year off of its 3-year NCAA sanctions that capped the annual roster to a maximum of 75 scholarship players and the yearly scholarship signees to 15 (that's 10 fewer than the NCAA maximum in both cases), the Trojans had only 65 recruited scholarship players and never suited up more than 57 of them for a game (twice, Troy suited up only 48 of them).

FIRST-YEAR FROSH
USC has played 15 first-year freshmen this year (an average of 12.8 per game). Six have started games this year (CB **Iman Marshall** 11 times, ILB **Cameron Smith** 9 times, OLB **Porter Gustin** twice, TE **Tyler Petite** twice, OT **Chuma Edoga** once and S **Marvell Tell III** once). Troy has used 26 true and redshirt freshmen this year, tied for seventh most in the nation. Also, 34 players regardless of class have seen their first USC action in 2015 (tied for seventh most in the nation).

TIME OF POSSESSION
USC has won the "time of possession" battle 6 times in 2015 (all since **Clay Helton** took over as interim head coach).

POINTS OFF TURNOVERS
USC has scored 92 points off of the 23 turnovers it has gained in 2015, while opponents have scored just 38 points off of their 11 gained turnovers.

NATIONAL AWARD CONTENDERS
QB **Cody Kessler** is a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award (he was a finalist for the Unitas Golden Arm Award and a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award and O'Brien Award). OLB **Su'a Cravens** was a finalist for the Polynesian Player of the Year Award, a semifinalist for the Bednarik Award and Butkus Award and a quarterfinalist for the Lott IMPACT Trophy. WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** was a finalist for the Polynesian Player of the Year Award and a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award. CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** was a finalist for the Hornung Award. The USC offensive line was among 20 semifinalists for the Joe Moore Award.

ALL-AMERICANS
WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** made the 2015 AP, Football Writers, Sporting News and SI.com All-American second teams. OLB **Su'a Cravens** made the 2015 CBSSports.com and CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American second teams, AP All-American third team and SI.com All-American honorable mention. CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** made 2015 SI.com All-American honorable mention. OT **Zach Banner** made the 2015 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American third team. ILB **Cameron Smith** and CB **Iman Marshall** were 2015 USA Today and Sporting News Freshman All-American first teamers.

ALL-PAC-12
Five Trojans—OLB **Su'a Cravens**, WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster**, CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**, DT **Antwaun Woods** and OT **Zach Banner**—were named to the 2015 All-Pac-12 first team in a vote by the league's coaches. Cravens is a repeat first teamer, making this year's squad as a linebacker after making the 2014 team as a defensive back. Jackson made this year's first team as a defensive back and also made the second team as a return specialist. Other USC All-Pac-12 second team selections were DT **Delvon Simmons**, OT **Chad Wheeler** and FB **Soma Vainuku**, who made it as a special teams player. Five Trojans were named All-Pac-12 honorable mention: TB **Justin Davis**, TB **Ronald Jones II**, QB **Cody Kessler**, OG **Damien Mama** and ILB **Cameron Smith**. Smith also was named the 2015 Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year, becoming the fourth Trojan in the past 5 years so honored (along with Jackson in 2014, Leonard Williams in 2012 and Dion Bailey in 2011; another defensive freshman, Taylor Mays in 2006, was the Pac-12 Freshman of the Year).

USC TEAM AWARDS
CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** was named USC's Most Valuable Player, while C **Max Tuerk** was the Most Inspirational Player. OT **Zach Banner** was the Offensive Lineman of the Year, DTs **Antwaun Woods** and **Delvon Simmons** shared the Defensive Linemen of the Year, WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** was the Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year, OLB **Su'a Cravens** repeated as the Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year and FB **Soma Vainuku** was the Special Teams Player of the Year. QB **Cody Kessler** won the Trojan Way Leadership Award for the second consecutive year, while TB **Tre Madden** and **Jahleel Pinner** shared the Trojan Commitment Award. QB **Sam Darnold** was the Offensive Service Team Player of the Year, while OLB **Don Hill** and ILB **Joel Foy** were the Defensive Service Team Players of the Year. TB **Ronald Jones II** won the Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award for longest run from scrimmage (74 yards vs. Arizona). TB **Justin Davis** was the Player of the Game Vs. UCLA. QB **Max Browne** won the Bob Chandler Award (underclassman with outstanding athletic ability, academic achievement and character), ILB **Cameron Smith** won the John McKay Award (underclassman with the most competitive spirit), ILB **Reuben Peters** won the Joe Collins Walk-on Award, ILB **Lamar Dawson** won the Chris Carlisle Courage Award and S **John Plattenburg** won the Community Service Award. FB **Soma Vainuku**, TB **Tre Madden**, DTs **Cody Temple** and **Antwaun Woods** and OLB **Don Hill** shared the Lifters Award. WR **Robby Kolanz** won the Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award (overall academic achievement).

LOOKING TO 2016
On USC's current 48-man 2-deep (including the punter and kicker), 34 players (17 offense, 15 defense, 2 specialists) are non-seniors, including 16 starters (9 offense, 7 defense, 0 specialists). That does not include potential non-senior 2-deepers who are injured. At this point, all those non-seniors are expected to return in 2016, except junior OLB **Su'a Cravens**, who has declared early for the NFL. USC's 2016 schedule features 6 home games in the Coliseum, including the annual battle with intersectional rival Notre Dame, Oregon's first visit to the Coliseum since 2012 and a Thursday night contest against California. Overall, USC's 12-game schedule features 11 teams that are playing in bowls this season (including three in New Year's Six bowls), six that have won at least eight games (including three that have 10-plus victories) and five that are in the current AP Top 25 poll. Troy's non-conference opponents in 2016 are Alabama, Notre Dame and Utah State. The Trojans will play nine Pac-12 foes in the 2016 regular season (all but Oregon State and Washington State). The 2016 schedule:

Sept. 3 – vs. Alabama @ Arlington, Tex.
Sept. 10 – Utah State
Sept. 17 – at Stanford
Sept. 23 (Fr.) – at Utah
Oct. 1 – Arizona State
Oct. 8 – Colorado
Oct. 15 – at Arizona
Oct. 27 (Th.) – California
Nov. 5 – Oregon
Nov. 12 – at Washington
Nov. 19 – at UCLA
Nov. 26 – Notre Dame

2015 SCHEDULE (8-5)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 5	Arkansas State	W 55-6
Sept. 12	Idaho	W 59-9
Sept. 19	Stanford	L 31-41
Sept. 26	at Arizona State	W 42-14
Oct. 8 (Th.)	Washington	L 12-17
Oct. 17	at Notre Dame	L 31-41
Oct. 24	Utah	W 42-24
Oct. 31	at California	W 27-21
Nov. 7	Arizona	W 38-30
Nov. 13 (Fr.)	at Colorado	W 27-24
Nov. 21	at Oregon	L 28-48
Nov. 28	UCLA	W 40-21
Dec. 5	vs. Stanford (Pac-12 Champ Game)	L 22-41
Dec. 30	vs. Wisconsin (National Funding Holiday Bowl)	7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

USC STATISTICS OF NOTE

RANKINGS
***USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 144 of its past 182 games.
***USC has been in the AP Top 10 for 95 of its past 174 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games.
***USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 65 of the last 167 games.

SCORING
***USC has scored at least 20 points in 161 of its past 184 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games, a streak that was snapped in the 2006 UCLA game).
***USC has scored at least 30 points in 114 of its last 174 games.
***USC has scored at least 40 points 71 times since the start of the 2001 season (including 26 times with at least 50 points).
***Since 2003, USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 298 times.
***USC has scored in its past 234 games, a school record (although 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 186 games, 1976 to 1983).
***USC scored to open the game's scoring in its first 7 outings in 2015 (including its opening drives in the first 3 games) and 9 times overall.
***USC has trailed at the end of the first quarter in its last 8 games of 2015 (5 were wins).
***Six USC true freshmen have scored a TD in 2015 (TBs **Ronald Jones** and **Aca'Cedric Ware**, ILBs **Cameron Smith** and **Osa Masina**, TE **Tyler Petite** and DE **Rasheem Green**).
***USC's 2014 season-ending wins over Notre Dame and Nebraska and 2015 season-opening wins over Arkansas State and Idaho were the first time since 2004-05 that the Trojans scored at least 45 points in 4 straight games.
***USC's 2015 season-opening wins over Arkansas State and Idaho were the first time since 2005 that it scored at least 50 points in back-to-back games.
***USC's combined 114 points scored in its first 2 outings of 2015 were its most scored in the first 2 games of a season since 2005 (133).
***USC's 15 points surrendered were its fewest in a season's opening 2 outings since 2008 (10).

MISCELLANEOUS
***USC has blocked 29 kicks since 2010.
***USC has appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 477 times, including 343 of the past 345 games (Troy's last 183 games have been televised live, a school record).

FUN FACT I

This will be the second consecutive game that USC has played in a current NFL stadium (the Trojans lost to Stanford, 41-22, in the 2015 Pac-12 Championship Game in Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara). And the Trojans will open the 2016 season on Sept. 3 against Alabama in AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Tex. This also is the second consecutive year that Troy has played in a current NFL stadium, as it beat Nebraska, 45-42, in the 2014 Holiday Bowl in Qualcomm Stadium. Before that, Troy did so twice in 2012, first defeating Syracuse, 42-29, in MetLife Stadium in the inaugural New York's College Classic and then defeating Washington, 24-14, in CenturyLink Field (while Husky Stadium underwent renovations).

FUN FACT II

USC will be playing its second of 3 consecutive games at a neutral site when it plays in Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, Calif., for the Holiday Bowl (following the Pac-12 Championship Game in Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., on Dec. 5 and preceding the 2016 season opener against Alabama in AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Tex., on Sept. 3). The last time USC played back-to-back neutral site games was versus Michigan in the Pasadena's Rose Bowl to conclude the 2003 season and versus Virginia Tech at FedEx Field in Landover, Md., to open the 2004 season. (USC also had similar consecutive season ending/opening neutral site games in 1905/06, 1906/07, 1907/08, 1969/70, 1973/74, 1989/90, 1992/93 and 1995/96.) The last time USC played back-to-back neutral site contests in the same season was in 1985 (versus Oregon in Tokyo, Japan, and then Alabama in Honolulu, Hi., in the Aloha Bowl). Prior to the Coliseum opening in 1923, USC also had back-to-back neutral site games in the same season in 1896, 1897, 1900, 1915 and 1921, all in the Los Angeles area. USC once had 4 consecutive neutral site games, all in the same season, in 1898, as well as 3 in a row in the 1922 season (both occurrences were in Southern California).

FUN FACT III

This will be just the second time USC has played a football game on Dec. 30. The other: the 1993 Freedom Bowl, a 28-21 win over Utah.

FUN FACT IV

Since 1929, USC has played in the Rose Bowl during the term of every U.S. President except Barack Obama.

OFFENSE
***USC's offense in 2015 is ninth nationally in completion percentage (.677, third in Pac-12), 11th in both fumbles lost (5, first in Pac-12) and passes had intercepted (6, first in Pac-12), 17th in both passing efficiency (156.6, third in Pac-12) and fourth down conversions (.652, fourth in Pac-12) and 22nd in first downs (292, fifth in Pac-12).
***USC has started 4 different centers (**Max Tuerk** 5 games, **Toa Lobendahn** 2 games, **Khaliel Rodgers** 5 games and **Nico Falah** once) in 2015.
***None of USC's 5 lost fumbles in 2015 has been by a running back.
***USC is averaging 6.3 yards per play in 2015.
***USC has scored 47-out-of-54 times (87.0%) it has been in the red zone in 2015.
***USC received the opening kickoff in the first 6 games in 2015 and 9 times overall.

DEFENSE
***USC's defense in 2015 is third nationally in defensive TDs (5, first in Pac-12), ninth in turnover margin (0.9, first in Pac-12), 15th in sacks (2.9, third in Pac-12) and 20th in fourth down conversion defense (.381, second in Pac-12).
***USC has returned fumbles for TDs 3 times in 2015 (46 yards by ILB **Osa Masina** versus Arkansas State, 94 yards by S **Chris Hawkins** versus Arizona State and 31 yards by DE **Rasheem Green**) and interceptions for a TD twice (54 yards by ILB **Cameron Smith** and 46 yards by CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**).
***USC has intercepted a pass in 124 of the last 178 games.
***USC has held 94 of its last 177 opposing teams to 100 rushing yards or less (including 4 times in 2015).
***Only 39 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 165 games (most recently, Stanford's Christian McCaffrey with 207 in 2015).
***Since the start of the 2001 season, USC is 69-7 when holding opponents to 300 yards of total offense or less (the losses were against UCLA in 2006, Stanford in 2007, Washington in 2009, Notre Dame in 2010, Washington State and Notre Dame in 2013 and Washington in 2015).

USC'S HOLIDAY BOWL MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Sat., Dec. 26
USC departs via bus for San Diego

Sun., Dec. 27
10:45 a.m. – USC practice at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Rd., Chula Vista 91910), open to media
(Helton/all players/coaches media availabilty after practice on field)
2 p.m. – USC team visit to San Diego Zoo
(Photo opportunity with select USC players)

Mon., Dec. 28
10:45 a.m. – USC practice at Southwestern College, open to media
(Helton media availability after practice on field)
2 p.m. – USC team visits USS Theodore Roosevelt, Naval Air Station, North Island (Coronado)

Tues., Dec. 29
10:30 a.m. – USC/Wisconsin head coaches press conference
Omni San Diego Hotel (675 L Street, San Diego 92101)
Noon – Kickoff Luncheon (both teams), Hilton San Diego Bayfront (1 Park Blvd., San Diego 92101)

Wed., Dec. 30
7:30 p.m. – USC vs. Wisconsin, National Funding Holiday Bowl, Qualcomm Stadium

NOTE: Schedule subject to change

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USC RANDOM NOTES

***USC's 2015 team captains, as elected by their teammates prior to the season, are QB **Cody Kessler**, C **Max Tuerk**, OLB **Su'a Cravens**, DT **Antwaun Woods** and ILB **Anthony Sarao**. Kessler and Tuerk, also captains in 2014, are the 13th and 14th Trojan multi-year captains.

***USC's 2015 regular-season schedule featured 9 opponents who played in bowl games last season. That's more than any Pac-12 team faced this year (and only 4 teams nationally played more: Alabama, Arkansas, Vanderbilt and Virginia with 10 each).

***USC had quite the spooky schedule in 2015. The Trojans played on Halloween when they went to California on Oct. 31 (it was USC's 13th Halloween game). Later, USC traveled to Colorado for a Friday the 13th night encounter on Nov. 13

***USC is the only FBS school never to have had surnames on the back of its jerseys. Interestingly, the Trojan uniform was named the nation's seventh best in college football by USA Today in 2014.

***USC is one of only 3 NCAA FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools that has never played an FCS (formerly non-Division I-A) opponent since the divisions were established in 1978. The other schools are UCLA and Notre Dame, both Trojan opponents every season.

***USC will open its 2016 season on Sept. 3 against Alabama in the eighth annual Cowboys Classic at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Tex., in a Labor Day weekend neutral site game. It will be the first meeting between the teams since the 1985 Aloha Bowl. The Trojans and Crimson Tide have met 7 times in the past, including a 42-21 USC victory in 1970 in a game that was credited with helping to integrate Southern football because of the outstanding performances that day by the Trojans' African-American players, particularly fullback Sam Cunningham, tailback Clarence Davis and quarterback Jimmy Jones. USC also has a home-and-home series set against Texas in 2017 (in Los Angeles) and 2018 (Austin). The Trojans and Longhorns last met in the 2006 BCS Championship Game, one of the most memorable games in college football history. USC's future non-conference schedule also has BYU in 2019 (away), 2021 (home) and 2023 (home), plus home games versus Utah State (2016), Western Michigan (2017), UNLV (2019), New Mexico (2020) and Rice (2022). Since 1926, USC has annually (except during World War II) played Notre Dame in a series that has been extended through 2023. This year's Trojan non-conference foes in addition to Notre Dame were Arkansas State and Idaho. In the past 16 years, Troy also has played Ohio State, Auburn, Nebraska, Penn State, Arkansas, Virginia Tech, Kansas State, Syracuse, Boston College, Hawaii, Minnesota, Virginia and Fresno State on its regular season non-conference slate.

***USC's 2 conference "misses" in 2015 were Oregon State and Washington State. The last time that USC played neither the Beavers nor the Cougars in a season was 2012.

***Thirteen Trojans previously attended other 4-year schools: DT **Delvon Simmons** (Texas Tech), WR **Isaac Whitney** (Central Oklahoma), WR **David Mellstrom** (Virginia Tech), ILB **Joel Foy** (Air Force), TE **Connor Spears** (Columbia), WR **Yoofi Quansah** (UC San Diego), WR **Jackson Boyer** (North Carolina), TB **Lance Mudd** (Cal Poly), S **Jonathan LaBonty** (Cal Poly), TE **Taylor McNamara** (Oklahoma), TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** (Florida), OLB **Wyatt Vinci** (Connecticut) and S **Deion Hart** (Sam Houston State).

***Eight Trojans played their high school football at Serra High in Gardena (Calif.): CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**, ILB **Olajuwon Tucker**, WR-QB **Jalen Greene**, CB **Jalen Jones**, DT-DE **Rasheem Green**, OLB **John Houston Jr.**, WR **Deontay Burnett** and TE **Caleb Wilson**.

***This past spring, the USC football team had its highest semester (2.71) and cumulative (2.52) GPA on record. The cume figure has improved each of the past four semesters. Nearly a third of the football roster (a record 33 players) posted a spring 2015 GPA of at least 3.0 and, for the third consecutive semester, 9 football players were on the Dean's List.

***Nine Trojans—QB **Cody Kessler**, ILB **Anthony Sarao**, P **Kris Albarado**, TB **Tre Madden**, FB **Soma Vainuku**, DT **Antwaun Woods**, WR **David Mellstrom**, DT **Jeff Miller** and TE **Cyrus Hobbi**—already received their bachelor's degrees from USC in the spring of 2015 (Kessler, Vainuku and Woods in sociology, Sarao and Albarado in policy, planning and development, Madden in communication, Mellstrom in business administration, Miller in economics and Hobbi in theater). Kessler, Sarao and Hobbi have begun work towards master's degrees in communication management, Mellstrom is working on a master's in finance and Miller is working on his master's in business administration, while Albarado and Madden are working on second bachelor's degrees in sociology, Woods has begun work on a second bachelor's degree in health and human sciences and Vainuku is working on a second bachelor's in a to-be-decided major. Also, TE **Taylor McNamara** received his bachelor's degree in economics and communications from Oklahoma in the spring of 2015 (thus allowing him to be eligible to play immediately at USC in 2015 without having to sit out after transferring) and now has begun work towards a master's degree in communication management at USC.

***Thirteen other Trojans will receive their bachelor's degrees following this fall 2015 semester: OT **Zach Banner** (communication), QB **Max Browne** (communication), LB **Lamar Dawson** (NGOs and social change), CB **Ryan Dillard** (communication), OG **Erick Jepsen** (sociology), WR **George Katrib** (psychology), FB **Jahleel Pinner** (sociology), CB **Kevon Seymour** (communication), DT **Delvon Simmons** (sociology), QB **Conner Sullivan** (business administration), DT **Cody Temple** (sociology), DE **Greg Townsend Jr.** (political science) and OT **Chad Wheeler** (sociology). Also, 7 other Trojans will get their bachelor's degrees following the spring 2016 semester.

***USC currently has 17 players who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC in the spring. QB **Cody Kessler** and FB **Soma Vainuku** both enrolled in the spring of 2011, OLB **Scott Felix** and OT **Chad Wheeler** both enrolled in the spring of 2012, and DT **Kenny Bigelow Jr.**, QB **Max Browne**, OLB **Su'a Cravens**, TB **Justin Davis**, S **Chris Hawkins** and S **Leon McQuay III** all enrolled in the spring of 2013. OT **Jordan Austin**, WR-QB **Jalen Greene**, OLB **Don Hill** and OG-OT **Toa Lobendahn** all enrolled in the spring of 2014. OT **Chuma Edoga**, OT **Roy Hemsley** and ILB **Cameron Smith** all enrolled in the spring of 2015. Since 1999, 36 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and come to USC (including 1 who graduated a full year early). Also, TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe** graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at Florida before transferring to USC.

***SNP **Jake Olson** has been an inspiration to and involved with the USC football program since the age of 12 in 2009 when he lost his eyesight to cancer. Olson was born with retinoblastoma, a cancer of the retina. He lost his left eye when he was 10 months old and, despite numerous procedures on his other eye, he had his right eye removed when he was 12 in 2009 (he spent the day before his 2009 surgery at a USC football practice). His story was chronicled nationally, including several ESPN stories. After long snapping in high school as a junior and senior in 2013 and 2014 (he also played golf in high school and usually shot in the 80s), he received a scholarship to attend USC from Swim With Mike's Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Fund (because that scholarship is regarded as athletic aid, USC sought and received a waiver from the NCAA so that he did not count against the Trojans' NCAA-mandated 85 scholarship roster limit). Now a walk-on freshman, he is guided onto the field and positioned over the ball by a teammate. USC will prevent contact during any practice drills in which he is involved to make sure he is protected and the hope is he will snap in a game some day. He is a motivational speaker and has co-authored 2 books about overcoming adversity. His guide dog's name is Quebec. The Swim With Mike swim-a-thon fundraiser, celebrating its 35th anniversary, has raised more than $15 million for more than 160 physically challenged athletes' scholarships for students who have overcome life-challenging accidents or illnesses. Olson was a nominee for the 2015 Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award, presented for displaying courage on or off the field.

***Who's the fastest among the 2015 Trojans? It might be TB **Ronald Jones II**, with bests of 10.37 in the 100 meters and 21.98 in the 200 meters. Or perhaps it is TB-WR **Dominic Davis**, who posted bests of 10.47 in the 100 meters (10.29 wind-aided) and 21.48 (21.27 wind-aided) in the 200 meters. He was fourth in the 100 (10.51) at the 2014 California high school state meet as a junior and third in the event as a 2015 senior (10.56). Or maybe it's CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**, who has bests of 10.48 (for seventh at the 2015 Pac-12 Meet) in the 100 and 21.59 in the 200 (in high school). Jackson's specialty, however, is the long jump, with a best of 25-11 ½ to place fifth at the 2015 NCAA Meet (eighth on the USC career list), becoming the first USC football letterman to earn track All-America honors in an individual event since Sultan McCullough in 2000 (100-meter dash) and in a field event since long jumper Luther Hayes in 1961 (at that 2015 NCAA Meet, Jackson also anchored the 400-meter relay team that finished fourth in 38.75, second fastest in USC history). He also was the 2015 Pac-12 long jump champ (25-3 ½) and won the event at the 2015 UCLA dual meet. In high school, he was the 2012 state long jump champ and then the runner-up in 2013. Also, TB **Lance Mudd** had high school bests of 10.50 in the 100 and 21.68 in the 200.

***QB **Conner Sullivan** has participated in 3 sports at USC. In addition to being a quarterback and holder on placekicks for the football team since 2012, he was an infielder/outfielder on the 2013 Trojan baseball team (he hit .267) and he threw the javelin on USC's track and field team in the spring of 2015 (best of 176-10).

***ILB **Lamar Dawson** and DT-OG **Jordan Simmons** had their artwork displayed at the 2014 "Artletics" on-campus exhibit that featured the works of USC student-athletes, while DT **Antwaun Woods** had his displayed in 2013.

***WR **Robby Kolanz** received a 2014-15 Chick Hearn Scholarship, presented to aspiring sports broadcasters by the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism and the Los Angeles Lakers. He interned in the USC sports information office from 2013 to 2015.

***LB **Lamar Dawson**, from Boyle County High in Danville (Ky.), is just the second Trojan football letterman from Kentucky (joining LB Kurt Barber, who lettered 1988-91 after prepping at Paducah Tilghman High).

***If P **Chris Tilbey**, a Melbourne native who played Australian Rules Football (as well as cricket), letters at USC, he will be the only Trojan football letterman ever from Australia. Former Trojan Riki (Gray) Ellison (1978-82) was born in New Zealand, but claimed Tucson, Ariz., as his home.

***TB **Tre Madden** and FB **Jahleel Pinner**, who both started USC's first 6 games of 2013 and twice in 2015, have been backfield teammates since peewee football and while at Mission Viejo (Calif.) High.

***TE **Connor Spears** took a circuitous route to USC. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, went to high school in Iowa, his family now lives in South Dakota and he transferred to USC in 2014 from Columbia of the Ivy League, where he saw action in 5 games in 2013. His grandfather taught for 40 years at USC's School of Medicine. OLB **Wyatt Vinci** also had a winding road to USC. After graduating from St. Joseph High in Montvale (N.J.), he spent a year at a prep school (Hun School in Princeton, N.J.), then redshirted 2012 at Connecticut and spent 2 seasons at Diablo Valley Junior College before transferring to USC in the fall of 2015.

***CB **Kevin Carrasco** is fluent in Spanish and speaks some Korean.

***CB **Ryan Dillard** played the saxophone in his high school's orchestra.

***S **Leon McQuay III**, a music industry major at USC, has produced his own music tracks.

***TE **Cyrus Hobbi**, who received his bachelor's degree in theater at USC, wrote and performed a solo play based on the anxiety of starting his first Trojan game (at Stanford in 2012). OLB **Scott Felix** also is a theater major.

***A YouTube video of SNP **Zach Smith's** long snapping trick shots has more than 610,000 views.

***OLB **Wyatt Vinci** (along with his twin brother, Zach, a former defensive lineman at Colgate, Wesleyan and UCLA) has done fashion modeling.

***S **Jonathan LaBonty** was born in Toronto, Canada.

***QB **Cody Kessler**, OLB **Scott Felix** and TE **Cyrus Hobbi**, along with 12 of their former USC teammates, spent 5 days in Haiti in the spring of 2012 building homes and assisting those in need.

***DT **Cody Temple** wears his hair long in tribute to his grandmother, a high school teammate and others who have been afflicted with cancer.

***USC has 5 players with the surname of Smith (ILB **Cameron Smith**, C **Cole Smith**, SNP **Zach Smith** and TB **Stefan Smith**, plus WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster**, who previously was just JuJu Smith), but none are related.

***USC's roster features players who are a Jr. (DE **Greg Townsend Jr.**, DT **Kenny Bigelow Jr.**, WR **Steven Mitchell Jr.**, OLB **John Houston Jr.**), a II (TB **Ronald Jones II**), a III (S **Leon McQuay III**, S **Marvell Tell III**) and a IV (TB **James Toland IV**).

***TB **Tre Madden's** real first name is Curtis, WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster's** and TE **Tyler Petite's** is John, DE **Claude Pelon's** is Claudeson and assistant coach **Tee Martin's** is Tamaurice. ILB **Olajuwon Tucker's** nickname is "Boodah" and CB **Iman Marshall's** is "Biggie." In the fall of 2014, OLB **Scott Felix** legally changed his last name from his mother's (Starr) to his father's. In the summer of 2015, WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** legally changed his last name (from just Smith) in honor of his stepfather.

***How's this for a colorful player: PK **Matt Boermeester** "greyshirted" in 2012 (he did not enroll as a full-time college student) coming out of high school. He then was awarded a scholarship at USC in the fall of 2014 by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year). Boermeester then "redshirted" at USC in 2014. USC currently has 5 other players who arrived in the fall of 2015 and received scholarships as blueshirts: TE **Taylor McNamara**, TE **Daniel Imatorbhebhe**, OT **Clayton Johnston**, WR **Deontay Burnett** and P **Chris Tilbey**.

***Two Trojan coaches (**Clay Helton** and **Marques Tuiasosopo**) have served as interim head coaches (Helton for USC for the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl and again this season for the final 7 regular season games, as well as at Memphis for several months in early 2006, and Tuiasosopo for Washington in the 2013 Fight Hunger Bowl).

***Assistant coach **Tee Martin's** wife, Toya, is a recording artist with hit singles "I Do!" (2001) and "No Matta What (Party All Night)" (2002).

***In the summer of 2013, USC received approval from the Coliseum Commission and the Board of Directors of the California Science Center to allow the transaction between the university and the state of California for USC to begin operating and renovating the Coliseum. Over the next decade, USC must invest $70 million into the stadium to improve the fan experience ($100 million by 2054). USC has been a tenant in the Coliseum since the historic stadium opened in 1923.

***The Pac-12 Conference, known as the "Conference of Champions" because of its academic excellence and superior athletic performance, is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2015. The conference was founded on Dec. 2, 1915, as the Pacific Coast Conference (it then became the Athletic Association of Western Universities in 1959, the Pacific-8 Conference in 1968, the Pacific-10 Conference in 1978 and the Pac-12 in 2011). USC joined the conference in 1922. Pac-12 schools have captured an unprecedented 480 NCAA team championships, nearly 200 more than any other conference.

***Several Trojan staffers have been associated with national championship teams: Assistant coach **Tee Martin** quarterbacked Tennessee to the 1998 national championship. Tight ends coach **Lenny Vandermade** was an offensive guard-center on USC's 2003 national championship team. Assistant strength and conditioning coach **Kenechi Udeze** was an All-American defensive end on USC's 2003 national championship team. Football executive assistant **Cheryl Taplin** was a sprinter on 7 of LSU's NCAA champion outdoor and indoor women's track and field teams.

***Several Trojans have relatives with USC football connections. TE **Caleb Wilson's** father, **Chris Wilson**, was USC's defensive line coach (2014-15). OLB **Grant Moore's** father, Rex, was a 4-year (1984-87) letterman linebacker at USC, leading the Trojans in tackles in 1986 while earning team Most Inspirational Player accolades. C **Cole Smith's** father, Doug, was an assistant coach at USC (1993-97, the first 2 years handling the defensive line and the last 3 working with the offensive line). OLB **Su'a Craven's** cousin, Jordan Cameron, played tight end at USC (2008-10). TB **Tre Madden's** uncle is former USC (1995-98) cornerback Daylon McCutcheon. DT **Jeff Miller's** brother, Matt, was a Trojan inside linebacker in 2014. QB **Conner Sullivan's** brother, Shane, was a Trojan tight end in 2013. WR **Christian Tober's** brother, William, was a cornerback at USC in 2012. FB **Soma Vainuku's** cousin is former USC All-American (2005-08) linebacker Rey Maualuga. OG-OT **Toa Lobendahn's** second cousin, Faaesea Mailo, was a USC offensive lineman (1996-2001). S **Matt Lopes'** mother, Helaine, was an assistant athletic trainer at USC in the 1980s and 1990s, including working with the Trojan football program. Assistant coach **Johnny Nansen** is the cousin of current USC WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster**. Assistant coach **Marques Tuiasosopo's** second cousin is former USC offensive guard Titus Tuiasosopo (1990-92).

HOLIDAY BOWL HISTORY

2014 — USC 45, Nebraska 42
2013 — Texas Tech 37, Arizona State 23
2012 — Baylor 49, UCLA 26
2011 — Texas 21, California 10
2010 — Washington 19, Nebraska 7
2009 — Nebraska 33, Arizona 0
2008 — Oregon 42, Oklahoma State 31
2007 — Texas 52, Arizona State 34
2006 — California 45, Texas A&M 10
2005 — Oklahoma 17, Oregon 14
2004 — Texas Tech 45, California 31
2003 — Washington State 28, Texas 20
2002 — Kansas State 34, Arizona State 27
2001 — Texas 47, Washington 43
2000 — Oregon 35, Texas 30
1999 — Kansas State 24, Washington 20
1998 — Arizona 23, Nebraska 20
1997 — Colorado State 35, Missouri 24
1996 — Colorado 33, Washington 21
1995 — Kansas State 54, CSU 21
1994 — Michigan 24, Colorado State 14
1993 — Ohio State 28, BYU 21
1992 — Hawaii 27, Illinois 17
1991 — Iowa 13, BYU 13
1990 — Texas A&M 65, BYU 14
1989 — Penn State 50, BYU 39
1988 — Oklahoma State 62, Wyoming 14
1987 — Iowa 20, Wyoming 19
1986 — Iowa 39, San Diego State 38
1985 — Arkansas 18, Arizona STate 17
1984 — BYU 24, Michigan 17
1983 — BYU 21, Missouri 17
1982 — Ohio State 47, BYU 17
1981 — BYU 38, Washington State 36
1980 — BYU 46, SMU 45
1979 — Indiana 38, BYU 37
1978 — Navy 23, BYU 16

2015 USC DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	TWITTER/INSTAGRAM	MAJOR
WR –	1	**Darreus Rogers (6-1, 215, Jr.)**	@DROG_UNO/@drog_1	Sociology
	86	Robby Kolanz (5-10, 175, Jr.*)	@Robby_Kolanz/@robbykolanz	Broadcast Journalism
	15	*Isaac Whitney* (6-3, 205, Jr.*)	@isaacwhitney8/@isaacwhitney8	Sociology
WR –	7	**Steven Mitchell Jr. (5-10, 190, So.*)**	@smj_vii/@smj.viii	Communication
	10	Jalen Greene (6-1, 195, Fr.*)	@HeismanJG/—	Communication
	2	Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, So.)	@AdoreeKnows/@adoreeknows	Communication
	80	Deontay Burnett (6-0, 170, Fr.)	@Deontay_Burnett/—	
	29	Christian Tober (5-8, 175, Jr.*)	@christiantober/@christiantober	Policy, Planning and Development
	34	Yoofi Quansah (5-8, 165, So.*)		Computer Engineering
	41	Bo St. Geme (6-0, 170, Fr.) OR		
	44	Jake Russell (5-11, 170, Fr.)		
TE –	48	**Taylor McNamara (6-5, 245, Jr.*)**	@tmcnamara88/@tmcnamara88	Communication Management (Master's)
	82	Tyler Petite (6-6, 235, Fr.)	@TylerPetite/—	Communication
	81	Connor Spears (6-6, 245, So.*)	@ConnorSpears/@connorspears	Business Administration
	47	Cyrus Hobbi (6-3, 245, Sr.*)		Communication Management (Master's)
	87	Caleb Wilson (6-5, 225, Fr.)	@CWilson_12/@calebwilson87	
RT –	73	**Zach Banner (6-9, 360, Jr.*)**	@zachbanner73/@zachbanner73	Communication
	70	Chuma Edoga (6-4, 280, Fr.)	@edogawd/—	
	76	Clayton Johnston (6-6, 290, Fr.)		
RG –	60	**Viane Talamaivao (6-2, 320, So.)**		
	77	Chris Brown (6-5, 295, Fr.*)	@ChrisRBrown77/—	
	74	Nico Falah (6-4, 285, So.*)	@NicoFalah/@nicofalah	NGOs and Social Change
	56	Jordan Austin (6-5, 280, Fr.*)	@jaustin0056/@jaustin56	International Relations
C –	62	**Khaliel Rodgers (6-3, 305, So.*)**	@K_rodgers62/@k_rodgers62	Sociology
	74	Nico Falah (6-4, 285, So.*)	@NicoFalah/@nicofalah	NGOs and Social Change
	66	Cole Smith (6-4, 280, Fr.)	@coledsmith56/@coledsmith56	
LG –	51	**Damien Mama (6-4, 355, So.)**	@dmama75/@dmama51	
	77	Chris Brown (6-5, 295, Fr.*)	@ChrisRBrown77/—	
	64	Richie Wenzel (6-3, 265, Fr.*)		
	65	Erick Jepsen (6-1, 285, Sr.*)		Sociology
LT –	72	**Chad Wheeler (6-7, 280, Jr.*)**		Sociology
	73	Zach Banner (6-9, 360, Jr.*)	@zachbanner73/@zachbanner73	Communication
	63	Roy Hemsley (6-5, 315, Fr.)	@leagueme_roy/@leagueme_roy	
WR –	9	**JuJu Smith-Schuster (6-2, 215, So.)**	—/@team_juju9	Human Biology
	89	De'Quan Hampton (6-4, 220, Jr.)	@DeQuanHampton/@dhampt2	
	83	George Katrib (6-0, 185, Sr.) OR		Psychology
	85	David Mellstrom (6-0, 180, Sr.*)		Finance (Master's)
QB –	6	**Cody Kessler (6-1, 215, Sr.*)**	@CodyKessler6/@ckessler6	Communication Management (Master's)
	4	Max Browne (6-5, 220, So.*)	@MaxBrowne4/@maxbrowne_4	Communication
	14	Sam Darnold (6-4, 215, Fr.)	—/@samdarnold	Communication
	19	Conner Sullivan (6-0, 195, Jr.*) OR	—/@connersully	Business Administration
	15	Michael Bowman (6-4, 210, Fr.*)		Business Administration
FB –	38	**Jahleel Pinner (5-11, 240, Sr.) OR**	@YesItsMe_JP/@jahleelpinner	Sociology
	31	**Soma Vainuku (6-0, 255, Sr.)**	@somavainuku/@soma31	
TB –	22	**Justin Davis (6-1, 195, Jr.) OR**	@JD_22bsm/@jdsolid_22	Social Sciences Economics
	25	**Ronald Jones II (6-0, 185, Fr.) OR**	@TheRonaldJones/@ronaldjones25	
	23	**Tre Madden (6-1, 225, Sr.*)**	@TreMadden13/—	Sociology
	16	Dominic Davis (5-10, 175, Fr.)	@dominicadjr/@domo_fast	Communication
	28	Aca'Cedric Ware (6-0, 200, Fr.)	@ware_ced/@the_acacedric.ware	
	26	James Toland IV (5-11, 185, So.*)	@Toland25/@jtoland26	Social Sciences Psychology
	24	Stefan Smith (6-0, 195, Fr.*)		Political Economy

RETURNERS

PR –	2	**Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, So.)**	@AdoreeKnows/@adoreeknows	Communication
	7	Steven Mitchell Jr. (5-10, 190, So.*)	@smj_vii/@smj.viii	Communication
KOR –	2	**Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, So.) AND**	@AdoreeKnows/@adoreeknows	Communication
	22	**Justin Davis (6-1, 195, Jr.) OR**	@JD_22bsm/@jdsolid_22	Social Sciences Economics
	9	**JuJu Smith-Schuster (6-2, 215, So.)**	—/@team_juju9	Human Biology
	16	Dominic Davis (5-10, 175, Fr.) OR	@dominicadjr/@domo_fast	Communication
	7	Steven Mitchell Jr. (5-10, 190, So.*)	@smj_vii/@smj.viii	Communication

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DEFENSE

POS	NO	NAME	TWITTER/INSTAGRAM	MAJOR
SOLB –	**21**	**Su'a Cravens (6-1, 225, Jr.)**	@ovo-suu/—	Policy, Planning and Development
	42	Uchenna Nwosu (6-3, 210, So.)	@UchennaN_42/@unwosu42	
	18	Quinton Powell (6-2, 205, Jr.)	@coolboyq_52/@coolboyq_18	Sociology
	50	Grant Moore (6-0, 220, Fr.*)		
DT –	**52**	**Delvon Simmons (6-5, 295, Sr.*)**		Sociology
	90	Claude Pelon (6-4, 300, Sr.*)	@fightonbigg90/—	Sociology
	95	Kenny Bigelow Jr. (6-3, 290, So.*)	@4_Fighton_0/@kdb_ixv	Sociology
	68	Jordan Simmons (6-4, 325, Jr.*)	@PaPaChubbs74/@mr.chubbs68	African American Studies
	53	Kevin Scott (6-5, 315, Fr.)	@55_kev/@kev.55	
NT –	**99**	**Antwaun Woods (6-1, 320, Sr.*)**	@USCTwocka99/@itstwocka99	Health and Human Sciences (Master's)
	91	Noah Jefferson (6-6, 330, Fr.)	—/@noahjefferson_	
	98	Cody Temple (6-2, 300, Sr.*)		Sociology
	92	Jacob Daniel (6-4, 325, Fr.)	@FightonJdan/@fightonjdan	Psychology
DE –	**93**	**Greg Townsend Jr. (6-3, 275, Sr.*)**	—/@g_town93	Political Science
	94	Rasheem Green (6-5, 285, Fr.)	@ras_green/@ras_green	
	44	Malik Dorton (6-2, 275, Fr.*)	@theeEliteMalik/—	Communication
	79	Jeff Miller (6-1, 240, Jr.*) OR		Business Administration (Master's)
	89	Christian Rector (6-5, 260, Fr.)	@the_real_rector/@christianrector	Economics
	97	Wyatt Vinci (6-2, 235, Jr.*)		
RUSH –	**47**	**Scott Felix (6-2, 240, Jr.*)**	@SS47ERA/@kingfelix47	Theater
	45	Porter Gustin (6-5, 250, Fr.)	@portgus15/@portgus15	
	40	Jabari Ruffin (6-3, 245, Jr.*)	@jayruff7/—	Policy, Planning and Development
	59	Don Hill (6-2, 245, Fr.*)		Sociology
MILB –	**34**	**Olajuwon Tucker (6-3, 235, So.)**	@BThree4/@bthree4	International Relations Global Business
	19	Michael Hutchings (6-1, 225, Jr.)	@CaliHutch_17/@calihutch	Communication
	54	Reuben Peters (6-0, 225, Fr.*)		
WILB –	**56**	**Anthony Sarao (6-0, 235, Sr.*)**		Communication Management (Master's)
	58	Osa Masina (6-4, 245, Fr.)	@OS_tertag/@osamasina	
	51	Joel Foy (6-1, 225, Sr.*)		Communication
CB –	**8**	**Iman Marshall (6-2, 200, Fr.)**	@iman_marshall8/@imanmarshall	
	13	Kevon Seymour (6-0, 185, Sr.)	@KSeymour_13/—	Communication
	23	Jonathan Lockett (5-11, 180, So.)	@Jlock_23/@jlock23_	
	29	Kevin Carrasco (6-0, 185, So.*)		Political Science
FS –	**4**	**Chris Hawkins (5-11, 190, So.*)**	@CHawk_4/@chawk_4	Policy, Planning and Development
	7	Marvell Tell III (6-2, 190, Fr.)	@marvelltell7/@velltell	
	22	Leon McQuay III (6-1, 190, Jr.)	@kncquay22/@lmquay22	Music Industry
	30	Ykili Ross (6-2, 185, Fr.)	@TheRealYK_7/—	
	26	Davonte Nunnery (5-10, 205, Fr.*)	@The_GOAT_4/—	
	41	Deion Hart (6-0, 195, Jr.*)		
SS –	**24**	**John Plattenburg (5-11, 185, So.)**	@J_Plattenburg/@pacmanplatt24	
	22	Leon McQuay III (6-1, 190, Jr.)	@kncquay22/@lmquay22	Music Industry
	2	Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, So.)	@AdoreeKnows/@adoreeknows	Communication
	37	*Matt Lopes* (5-11, 185, So.*)		Business Administration
CB –	**2**	**Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, So.)**	@AdoreeKnows/@adoreeknows	Communication
	13	Kevon Seymour (6-0, 185, Sr.)	@KSeymour_13/—	Communication
	14	Isaiah Langley (6-0, 165, Fr.)	@_IsaiahLangley/@_isaiahlangley	Economics
	38	Jalen Jones (5-8, 155, Fr.*)		

SPECIALISTS

P –	**17**	**Kris Albarado (5-10, 195, Sr.*)**	@Albarado19/—	Sociology
	46	Reid Budrovich (5-11, 185, Fr.*)	@Reid_Bud/—	Business Administration
	36	Chris Tilbey (6-5, 220, So.)		
PK –	**39**	**Alex Wood (5-10, 175, Jr.*)—PAT/FG**	—/@alex_wood39	Communication
	36	**Matt Boermeester (6-0, 180, So.*)—KO**	@MattBoermeester/—	Communication
	46	Wyatt Schmidt (6-3, 215, Fr.*)		Policy, Planning and Development
SNP–	**92**	**Zach Smith (6-1, 220, Jr.)**		Policy, Planning and Development
	57	Nick Schlossberg (6-0, 205, Jr.*)		Business Administration
	61	Jake Olson (6-4, 195, Fr.)	@jakethesnakeo/—	
HLD –	**19**	**Conner Sullivan (6-0, 195, Jr.*)**	—/@connersully	Business Administration
	6	Cody Kessler (6-1, 215, Sr.*)	@CodyKessler6/@ckessler6	Communication Management (Master's)

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No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Birthday	Cl.(Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown (High School/JC/College)
1	ROGERS, Darreus	WR	6-1	215	9/3/93	Jr./Jr.	2V	Compton (Carson)
2	JACKSON, Adoree'	CB-WR-RET	5-11	185	9/18/95	So./So.	1V	Belleville, IL (Serra)
4	BROWNE, Max	QB	6-5	220	2/2/95	So.*/Jr.	1V	Sammamish, WA (Skyline)
4	HAWKINS, Chris	S	5-11	190	3/11/95	So.*/Jr.	1V	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)
6	KESSLER, Cody	QB	6-1	215	5/11/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Bakersfield (Centennial)
7	MITCHELL JR., Steven	WR	5-10	190	5/2/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Pasadena (Bishop Alemany)
7	TELL III, Marvell	S	6-2	190	8/2/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Pasadena (Crespi)
8	MARSHALL, Iman	CB	6-2	200	2/27/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Long Beach (Long Beach Poly)
9	SMITH-SCHUSTER, JuJu	WR	6-2	215	11/22/96	So./So.	1V	Long Beach (Poly)
10	GREENE, Jalen	WR-QB	6-1	195	6/13/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Inglewood (Serra)
10	HOUSTON Jr., John	OLB	6-3	220	6/25/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Carson (Serra)
13	SEYMOUR, Kevon	CB	6-0	185	11/30/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Pasadena (Muir)
14	DARNOLD, Sam	QB	6-4	215	6/5/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Capistrano Beach (San Clemente)
14	LANGLEY, Isaiah	CB	6-0	165	10/13/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Hayward (Foothill)
15	WHITNEY, Isaac	WR	6-3	205	6/22/94	Jr.*/Sr.	JC	Oklahoma City, OK (Southmoore/ Central Oklahoma/Riverside CC)
15	BOWMAN, Michael	QB	6-4	210	3/25/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Pasadena (Pasadena Poly)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	TB-WR	5-10	175	12/8/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Bishop Alemany)
17	ALBARADO, Kris	P	5-10	295	10/20/92	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Lake Charles, LA (St. Louis)
18	HARRIS, Ajene	WR	5-11	185	6/1/96	So./So.	1V	Los Angeles (Crenshaw)
18	POWELL, Quinton	OLB	6-2	205	10/25/93	Jr./Jr.	2V	Deltona, FL (Mainland)
19	HUTCHINGS, Michael	ILB	6-1	225	3/27/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Antioch (De La Salle)
19	SULLIVAN, Conner	QB	6-0	195	6/17/92	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Orange (Orange Lutheran)
21	CRAVENS, Su'a	OLB	6-1	225	7/7/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Los Angeles (Vista Murrieta)
22	DAVIS, Justin	TB	6-1	195	11/11/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Stockton (Lincoln)
22	McQUAY III, Leon	S	6-1	190	11/21/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Seffner, FL (Armwood)
23	MADDEN, Tre	TB	6-1	225	8/16/93	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Aliso Viejo (Mission Viejo)
23	LOCKETT, Jonathan	CB	5-11	180	4/18/96	So./So.	1V	Bellflower (Mater Dei)
24	PLATTENBURG, John	S	5-11	185	1/10/96	So./So.	1V	Houston, TX (Lamar)
24	SMITH, Stefan	TB	6-0	195	1/11/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Marino (Flintridge Prep)
25	JONES II, Ronald	TB	6-0	185	8/3/97	Fr./Fr.	—	McKinney, TX (McKinney North)
26	TOLAND IV, James	TB	5-11	185	12/29/94	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Indio (Shadow Hills)
26	NUNNERY, Davonte	S	5-10	205	10/12/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
27	MUDD, Lance	TB	6-1	200	7/3/96	So./So.	TR	San Diego (Poway/Cal Poly)
27	LaBONTY, Jonathan	S	6-0	200	7/12/95	Fr.*/Fr.	TR	Mission Viejo (Santa Margarita/ Cal Poly)
28	WARE, Aca'Cedric	TB	6-0	200	6/29/97	Fr./Fr.	—	DeSoto, TX (Cedar Hill)
28	DILLARD, Ryan	CB	5-9	190	3/25/94	Sr./Sr.	3V	Buford, GA (Buford)
29	TOBER, Christian	WR	5-8	175	11/13/93	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Clemente (San Clemente)
29	CARRASCO, Kevin	CB	6-0	185	11/11/94	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Santa Clarita (Notre Dame)
30	ROSS, Ykili	S	6-2	185	9/17/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Riverside (Riverside Poly)
31	VAINUKU, Soma	FB	6-0	255	5/28/92	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Eureka (Eureka)
34	TUCKER, Olajuwon	ILB	6-3	235	7/30/96	So./So.	1V	Harbor City (Serra)
34	QUANSAH, Yoofi	WR	5-8	165	10/13/95	So.*/Jr.	TR	Chino Hills (Chino Hills/UC San Diego)
35	SMITH, Cameron	ILB	6-2	245	3/26/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Roseville (Granite Bay)
36	BOERMEESTER, Matt	PK	6-0	180	4/29/94	So.*/Jr.	SQ	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic/ Saddleback JC)
36	TILBEY, Chris	P	6-5	220	12/31/93	So./So.	JC	Melbourne, Australia (Sandringham/San Francisco CC)
37	LOPES, Matt	S	5-11	185	5/12/95	So.*/Jr.	1V	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
38	PINNER, Jahleel	FB	5-11	240	10/25/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Rancho Santa Margarita (Mission Viejo)
38	JONES, Jalen	CB	5-8	155	2/10/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Serra)
39	WOOD, Alex	PK	5-10	175	11/11/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Mercer Island, WA (Mercer Island)
40	RUFFIN, Jabari	OLB	6-3	245	9/14/94	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Downey (Downey)
41	HART, Deion	S	6-0	195	5/14/94	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Hacienda Heights (Troy/Fullerton JC/ Santa Ana JC/Sam Houston State)
41	ST. GEME, Bo	WR	6-0	170	12/18/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Newport Beach (Corona del Mar)
42	NWOSU, Uchenna	OLB	6-3	210	12/28/96	So./So.	1V	Carson (Narbonne)
44	DORTON, Malik	DE	6-2	275	5/23/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (St. John Bosco)
44	RUSSELL, Jake	WR	5-11	170	12/18/96	Fr./Fr.	—	San Clemente (San Clemente)
45	GUSTIN, Porter	OLB	6-5	250	2/8/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Elk Ridge, UT (Salem Hills)
46	BUDROVICH, Reid	P	5-11	185	5/1/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Torrance (St. John Bosco)
46	SCHMIDT, Wyatt	PK	6-3	215	12/25/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Inver Grove Heights, MN (St. Thomas Academy)
47	FELIX, Scott	OLB	6-2	240	11/22/93	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Norco (Norco)
47	HOBBI, Cyrus	TE	6-3	245	5/9/93	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
48	McNAMARA, Taylor	TE	6-5	245	8/12/94	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	San Diego (Westview/Oklahoma)
49	IMATORBHEBHE, Daniel	TE	6-4	225	12/9/96	Fr./Fr.	TR	Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett/ Florida)

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49	BAYLE, Matt	OLB	6-2	215	2/27/97	Fr./Fr.	—	San Marino (St. Francis)
50	LOBENDAHN, Toa	OG-C-OT	6-3	290	2/14/96	So./So.	1V	Cerritos (La Habra)
50	MOORE, Grant	OLB	6-0	220	2/8/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Santa Ana (Mater Dei)
51	MAMA, Damien	OG	6-4	355	6/27/95	So./So.	1V	Moreno Valley (St. John Bosco)
51	FOY, Joel	ILB	6-1	225	6/13/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Anaheim (Servite/Air Force)
52	SIMMONS, Delvon	DT	6-5	295	11/30/92	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	McKeesport, PA (McKeesport/ Texas Tech)
53	SCOTT, Kevin	DE-DT	6-5	315	9/24/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Duarte (Salesian)
54	PETERS, Reuben	ILB	6-0	225	10/25/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Westchester (Loyola)
55	DAWSON, Lamar	ILB	6-1	230	9/22/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Junction City, KY (Boyle County)
56	SARAO, Anthony	ILB	6-0	235	4/29/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Atlantic City, NJ (Holy Spirit)
56	AUSTIN, Jordan	OT	6-5	280	5/4/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Claremont (Claremont)
57	SCHLOSSBERG, Nick	SNP	6-0	205	11/1/93	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Diego (La Jolla Country Day)
58	MASINA, Osa	ILB	6-4	245	6/26/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Salt Lake City, UT (Brighton)
59	HILL, Don	OLB	6-2	245	1/4/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Boise, ID (Timberline)
60	TALAMAIVAO, Viane	OG	6-2	320	12/13/95	So./So.	1V	Moreno Valley (Centennial)
61	OLSON, Jake	SNP	6-4	195	3/26/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Huntington Beach (Orange Lutheran)
62	RODGERS, Khaliel	C	6-3	305	1/12/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	New Castle, DE (Eastern Christian Academy)
63	HEMSLEY, Roy	OT	6-5	315	3/4/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Windward School)
64	WENZEL, Richie	C	6-3	265	2/10/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Chevy Chase, MD (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
65	JEPSEN, Erick	OG	6-1	285	12/31/92	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Moreno Valley (La Quinta)
66	SMITH, Cole	C	6-4	280	8/19/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo)
68	SIMMONS, Jordan	DT-OG	6-4	325	7/15/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Inglewood (Crespi)
70	EDOGA, Chuma	OT	6-4	280	5/25/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Atlanta, GA (McEachern)
72	WHEELER, Chad	OT	6-7	280	1/19/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Santa Monica (Santa Monica)
73	BANNER, Zach	OT	6-9	360	12/25/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Tacoma, WA (Lakes)
74	FALAH, Nico	OT	6-4	285	1/6/95	So.*/Jr.	1V	Hermosa Beach (St. John Bosco)
75	TUERK, Max	C	6-6	285	1/27/94	Sr./Sr.	3V	Trabuco Canyon (Santa Margarita)
76	JOHNSTON, Clayton	OT	6-6	290	10/7/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Orange (Servite)
77	BROWN, Chris	OG	6-5	295	4/26/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Loyola)
79	MILLER, Jeff	DT	6-1	240	4/27/94	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Southlake, TX (Carroll)
80	BURNETT, Deontay	WR	6-0	170	10/4/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Compton (Serra)
81	SPEARS, Connor	TE	6-6	245	1/24/95	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Dakota Dunes, SD (Bishop Heelan/ Columbia)
82	PETITE, Tyler	TE	6-6	235	12/14/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Lafayette (Campolindo)
83	KATRIB, George	WR	6-0	185	2/17/94	Sr./Sr.	3V	Diamond Bar (Diamond Bar)
84	BOYER, Jackson	WR	6-3	195	6/22/94	So.*/Jr.	TR	Chapel Hill, NC (East Chapel Hill/ North Carolina)
85	MELLSTROM, David	WR	6-0	180	1/1/93	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Round Hill, VA (Loudoun Valley/ Virginia Tech)
86	KOLANZ, Robby	WR	5-10	175	4/14/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
87	WILSON, Caleb	TE	6-5	225	7/15/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Gardena (Serra)
89	HAMPTON, De'Quan	WR	6-4	220	4/18/94	Jr./Jr.	JC	Carson (Dominguez /Long Beach CC)
89	RECTOR, Christian	DE	6-5	260	4/22/97	Fr./Fr.	—	South Pasadena (Loyola)
90	PELON, Claude	DE	6-4	300	11/27/92	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Orlando, FL (Agape Christian Academy/Mesa CC)
91	JEFFERSON, Noah	DT	6-6	330	8/21/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Las Vegas, NV (Liberty)
92	DANIEL, Jacob	DT	6-4	325	4/7/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Fresno (Clovis North)
92	SMITH, Zach	SNP	6-1	220	6/3/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Redwood City (Menlo School)
93	TOWNSEND JR., Greg	DE	6-3	275	12/11/92	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Los Angeles (Beverly Hills)
94	GREEN, Rasheem	DT-DE	6-5	285	5/15/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Serra)
95	BIGELOW JR., Kenny	DT	6-3	290	3/31/95	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Elkton, MD (Eastern Christian Academy)
97	VINCI, Wyatt	OLB	6-2	235	1/9/93	Jr.*/Sr.	JC	Ridgewood, NJ (St. Joseph/Hun School/Connecticut/ Diablo Valley JC)
98	TEMPLE, Cody	DT	6-2	300	12/29/92	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Bakersfield (Liberty)
99	WOODS, Antwaun	DT	6-1	320	1/3/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (Taft)

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STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH: Ivan LEWIS (Idaho, 2000)

2015 USC FOOTBALL ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Birthday	Cl.(Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown (High School/JC/College)
17	ALBARADO, Kris	P	5-10	195	10/20/92	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Lake Charles, LA (St. Louis)
56	AUSTIN, Jordan	OT	6-5	280	5/4/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Claremont (Claremont)
73	BANNER, Zach	OT	6-9	360	12/25/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Tacoma, WA (Lakes)
49	BAYLE, Matt	OLB	6-2	215	2/27/97	Fr./Fr.	—	San Marino (St. Francis)
95	BIGELOW JR., Kenny	DT	6-3	290	3/31/95	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Elkton, MD (Eastern Christian Academy)
36	BOERMEESTER, Matt	PK	6-0	180	4/29/94	So.*/Jr.	SQ	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic/ Saddleback JC)
15	BOWMAN, Michael	QB	6-4	210	3/25/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Pasadena (Pasadena Poly)
84	BOYER, Jackson	WR	6-3	195	6/22/94	So.*/Jr.	TR	Chapel Hill, NC (East Chapel Hill/ North Carolina)
77	BROWN, Chris	OG	6-5	295	4/26/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Loyola)
4	BROWNE, Max	QB	6-5	220	2/2/95	So.*/Jr.	1V	Sammamish, WA (Skyline)
46	BUDROVICH, Reid	P	5-11	185	5/1/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Torrance (St. John Bosco)
80	BURNETT, Deontay	WR	6-0	170	10/4/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Compton (Serra)
29	CARRASCO, Kevin	CB	6-0	185	11/11/94	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Santa Clarita (Notre Dame)
21	CRAVENS, Su'a	OLB	6-1	225	7/7/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Los Angeles (Vista Murrieta)
92	DANIEL, Jacob	DT	6-4	325	4/7/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Fresno (Clovis North)
14	DARNOLD, Sam	QB	6-4	215	6/5/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Capistrano Beach (San Clemente)
16	DAVIS, Dominic	TB-WR	5-10	175	12/8/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Bishop Alemany)
22	DAVIS, Justin	TB	6-1	195	11/11/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Stockton (Lincoln)
55	DAWSON, Lamar	ILB	6-1	230	9/22/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Junction City, KY (Boyle County)
28	DILLARD, Ryan	CB	5-9	190	3/25/94	Sr./Sr.	3V	Buford, GA (Buford)
44	DORTON, Malik	DE	6-2	275	5/23/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (St. John Bosco)
70	EDOGA, Chuma	OT	6-4	280	5/25/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Atlanta, GA (McEachern)
74	FALAH, Nico	OT	6-4	285	1/6/95	So.*/Jr.	1V	Hermosa Beach (St. John Bosco)
47	FELIX, Scott	OLB	6-2	240	11/22/93	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Norco (Norco)
51	FOY, Joel	ILB	6-1	225	6/13/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Anaheim (Servite/Air Force)
94	GREEN, Rasheem	DT-DE	6-5	285	5/15/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Serra)
10	GREENE, Jalen	WR-QB	6-1	195	6/13/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Inglewood (Serra)
45	GUSTIN, Porter	OLB	6-5	250	2/8/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Elk Ridge, UT (Salem Hills)
89	HAMPTON, De'Quan	WR	6-4	220	4/18/94	Jr./Jr.	JC	Carson (Dominguez /Long Beach CC)
18	HARRIS, Ajene	WR	5-11	185	6/1/96	So./So.	1V	Los Angeles (Crenshaw)
41	HART, Deion	S	6-0	195	5/14/94	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Hacienda Heights (Troy/Fullerton JC/ Santa Ana JC/Sam Houston State)
4	HAWKINS, Chris	S	5-11	190	3/11/95	So.*/Jr.	1V	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)
63	HEMSLEY, Roy	OT	6-5	315	3/4/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Windward School)
59	HILL, Don	OLB	6-2	245	1/4/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Boise, ID (Timberline)
47	HOBBI, Cyrus	TE	6-3	245	5/9/93	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
10	HOUSTON Jr., John	OLB	6-3	220	6/25/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Carson (Serra)
19	HUTCHINGS, Michael	ILB	6-1	225	3/27/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Antioch (De La Salle)
49	IMATORBHEBHE, Daniel	TE	6-4	225	12/9/96	Fr./Fr.	TR	Suwanee, GA (North Gwinnett/ Florida)
2	JACKSON, Adoree'	CB-WR-RET	5-11	185	9/18/95	So./So.	1V	Belleville, IL (Serra)
91	JEFFERSON, Noah	DT	6-6	330	8/21/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Las Vegas, NV (Liberty)
65	JEPSEN, Erick	OG	6-1	285	12/31/92	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Moreno Valley (La Quinta)
76	JOHNSTON, Clayton	OT	6-6	290	10/7/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Orange (Servite)
38	JONES, Jalen	CB	5-8	155	2/10/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Los Angeles (Serra)
25	JONES II, Ronald	TB	6-0	185	8/3/97	Fr./Fr.	—	McKinney, TX (McKinney North)
83	KATRIB, George	WR	6-0	185	2/17/94	Sr./Sr.	3V	Diamond Bar (Diamond Bar)
6	KESSLER, Cody	QB	6-1	215	5/11/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Bakersfield (Centennial)
86	KOLANZ, Robby	WR	5-10	175	4/14/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
27	LaBONTY, Jonathan	S	6-0	200	7/12/95	Fr.*/Fr.	TR	Mission Viejo (Santa Margarita/ Cal Poly)
14	LANGLEY, Isaiah	CB	6-0	165	10/13/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Hayward (Foothill)
50	LOBENDAHN, Toa	OG-C-OT	6-3	290	2/14/96	So./So.	1V	Cerritos (La Habra)
23	LOCKETT, Jonathan	CB	5-11	180	4/18/96	So./So.	1V	Bellflower (Mater Dei)
37	LOPES, Matt	S	5-11	185	5/12/95	So.*/Jr.	1V	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
23	MADDEN, Tre	TB	6-1	225	8/16/93	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Aliso Viejo (Mission Viejo)
51	MAMA, Damien	OG	6-4	355	6/27/95	So./So.	1V	Moreno Valley (St. John Bosco)
8	MARSHALL, Iman	CB	6-2	200	2/27/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Long Beach (Long Beach Poly)
58	MASINA, Osa	ILB	6-4	245	6/26/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Salt Lake City, UT (Brighton)
48	McNAMARA, Taylor	TE	6-5	245	8/12/94	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	San Diego (Westview/Oklahoma)
22	McQUAY III, Leon	S	6-1	190	11/21/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Seffner, FL (Armwood)
85	MELLSTROM, David	WR	6-0	180	1/1/93	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Round Hill, VA (Loudoun Valley/ Virginia Tech)
79	MILLER, Jeff	DT	6-1	240	4/27/94	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Southlake, TX (Carroll)
7	MITCHELL JR., Steven	WR	5-10	190	5/2/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Pasadena (Bishop Alemany)
50	MOORE, Grant	OLB	6-0	220	2/8/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Santa Ana (Mater Dei)

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27	MUDD, Lance	TB	6-1	200	7/3/96	So./So.	TR	San Diego (Poway/Cal Poly)
26	NUNNERY, Davonte	S	5-10	205	10/12/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
42	NWOSU, Uchenna	OLB	6-3	210	12/28/96	So./So.	1V	Carson (Narbonne)
61	OLSON, Jake	SNP	6-4	195	3/26/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Huntington Beach (Orange Lutheran)
90	PELON, Claude	DE	6-4	300	11/27/92	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Orlando, FL (Agape Christian Academy/Mesa CC)
54	PETERS, Reuben	ILB	6-0	225	10/25/96	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Westchester (Loyola)
82	PETITE, Tyler	TE	6-6	235	12/14/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Lafayette (Campolindo)
38	PINNER, Jahleel	FB	5-11	240	10/25/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Rancho Santa Margarita (Mission Viejo)
24	PLATTENBURG, John	S	5-11	185	1/10/96	So./So.	1V	Houston, TX (Lamar)
18	POWELL, Quinton	OLB	6-2	205	10/25/93	Jr./Jr.	2V	Deltona, FL (Mainland)
34	QUANSAH, Yoofi	WR	5-8	165	10/13/95	So.*/Jr.	TR	Chino Hills (Chino Hills/UC San Diego)
89	RECTOR, Christian	DE	6-5	260	4/22/97	Fr./Fr.	—	South Pasadena (Loyola)
62	RODGERS, Khaliel	C	6-3	305	1/12/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	New Castle, DE (Eastern Christian Academy)
1	ROGERS, Darreus	WR	6-1	215	9/3/93	Jr./Jr.	2V	Compton (Carson)
30	ROSS, Ykili	S	6-2	185	9/17/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Riverside (Riverside Poly)
40	RUFFIN, Jabari	OLB	6-3	245	9/14/94	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Downey (Downey)
44	RUSSELL, Jake	WR	5-11	170	12/18/96	Fr./Fr.	—	San Clemente (San Clemente)
56	SARAO, Anthony	ILB	6-0	235	4/29/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Atlantic City, NJ (Holy Spirit)
57	SCHLOSSBERG, Nick	SNP	6-0	205	11/1/93	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Diego (La Jolla Country Day)
46	SCHMIDT, Wyatt	PK	6-3	215	12/25/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Inver Grove Heights, MN (St. Thomas Academy)
53	SCOTT, Kevin	DE-DT	6-5	315	9/24/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Duarte (Salesian)
13	SEYMOUR, Kevon	CB	6-0	185	11/30/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Pasadena (Muir)
52	SIMMONS, Delvon	DT	6-5	295	11/30/92	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	McKeesport, PA (McKeesport/ Texas Tech)
68	SIMMONS, Jordan	DT-OG	6-4	325	7/15/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Inglewood (Crespi)
35	SMITH, Cameron	ILB	6-2	245	3/26/97	Fr./Fr.	—	Roseville (Granite Bay)
66	SMITH, Cole	C	6-4	280	8/19/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo)
24	SMITH, Stefan	TB	6-0	195	1/11/97	Fr.*/So.	SQ	San Marino (Flintridge Prep)
92	SMITH, Zach	SNP	6-1	220	6/3/95	Jr./Jr.	2V	Redwood City (Menlo School)
9	SMITH-SCHUSTER, JuJu	WR	6-2	215	11/22/96	So./So.	1V	Long Beach (Poly)
81	SPEARS, Connor	TE	6-6	245	1/24/95	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Dakota Dunes, SD (Bishop Heelan/ Columbia)
41	ST. GEME, Bo	WR	6-0	170	12/18/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Newport Beach (Corona del Mar)
19	SULLIVAN, Conner	QB	6-0	195	6/17/92	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Orange (Orange Lutheran)
60	TALAMAIVAO, Viane	OG	6-2	320	12/13/95	So./So.	1V	Moreno Valley (Centennial)
7	TELL III, Marvell	S	6-2	190	8/2/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Pasadena (Crespi)
98	TEMPLE, Cody	DT	6-2	300	12/29/92	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Bakersfield (Liberty)
36	TILBEY, Chris	P	6-5	220	12/31/93	So./So.	JC	Melbourne, Australia (Sandringham/San Francisco CC)
29	TOBER, Christian	WR	5-8	175	11/13/93	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	San Clemente (San Clemente)
26	TOLAND IV, James	TB	5-11	185	12/29/94	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Indio (Shadow Hills)
93	TOWNSEND JR., Greg	DE	6-3	275	12/11/92	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Los Angeles (Beverly Hills)
34	TUCKER, Olajuwon	ILB	6-3	235	7/30/96	So./So.	1V	Harbor City (Serra)
75	TUERK, Max	C	6-6	285	1/27/94	Sr./Sr.	3V	Trabuco Canyon (Santa Margarita)
31	VAINUKU, Soma	FB	6-0	255	5/28/92	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Eureka (Eureka)
97	VINCI, Wyatt	OLB	6-2	235	1/9/93	Jr.*/Sr.	JC	Ridgewood, NJ (St. Joseph/Hun School/Connecticut/ Diablo Valley JC)
28	WARE, Aca'Cedric	TB	6-0	200	6/29/97	Fr./Fr.	—	DeSoto, TX (Cedar Hill)
64	WENZEL, Richie	C	6-3	265	2/10/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Chevy Chase, MD (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
72	WHEELER, Chad	OT	6-7	280	1/19/94	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Santa Monica (Santa Monica)
15	WHITNEY, Isaac	WR	6-3	205	6/22/94	Jr.*/Sr.	JC	Oklahoma City, OK (Southmoore/ Central Oklahoma/Riverside CC)
87	WILSON, Caleb	TE	6-5	225	7/15/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Gardena (Serra)
39	WOOD, Alex	PK	5-10	175	11/11/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Mercer Island, WA (Mercer Island)
99	WOODS, Antwaun	DT	6-1	320	1/3/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles (Taft)

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STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH: Ivan LEWIS (Idaho, 2000)

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(17) KRIS ALBARADO
Punter, 5-10, 195, Sr.*/Sr., Lake Charles, LA (St. Louis HS)

CAREER: He averages 39.7 yards on his 198 career punts, with 56 pinning opponents within the 20-yard line and 26 traveling at least 50 yards.

2015: Albarado, known for his accuracy in placing punts deep in opponents' territory, was USC's punter for his third season as a senior in 2015. He averaged 41.3 yards on his 59 punts in 2015, with 13 pinning opponents within the 20 and 7 traveling at least 50 yards, but he had 2 punts blocked. Only 3 of his punts were touchbacks. He also had a tackle in 2015.

Against Arkansas State, he averaged 40.7 yards on his 6 punts (3 pinned the Red Wolves within the 20). He averaged 44.0 yards on his 3 punts against Idaho (with a 54-yarder) and 40.3 yards on his 3 punts against Stanford (with a 52-yarder). At Arizona State, he averaged 47.0 yards on his 5 punts (with a pair of 52-yarders and 1 that pinned the Sun Devils within the 20). He averaged 43.7 yards on his 6 punts against Washington, with a 53-yarder and 2 that pinned the Huskies within the 20). At Notre Dame, he averaged 36.7 yards on 3 punts (2 pinned the Irish within the 20), but he had a punt blocked for a TD. He averaged 39.0 yards on his 3 punts against Utah (he also had one partially blocked). At California, he averaged 41.8 yards on his 4 punts, with 3 pinning the Bears within the 20. Against Arizona, he averaged 43.0 yards on his 5 punts (with a 54-yarder). He averaged 38.0 yards on his 5 punts at Colorado. At Oregon, he averaged 39.0 yards on his 6 punts (2 pinned the Ducks within the 20). He averaged 40.1 yards on his 7 punts against UCLA (with a 53-yarder). Against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game, he averaged 43.3 yards on 3 punts.

	P	YDS	AVG	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (So.)…	79	2928	37.1	64	2	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)…	60	2485	41.4	65	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)…	59	2438	41.3	56	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER…….	198	7851	39.7	65	4	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH KRIS ALBARADO

2015

	P	YDS	AVG	LG
Ark. St.*	6	244	40.7	49
Idaho*	3	132	44.0	54
Stanford*	3	121	40.3	52
Arizona St.*	5	235	47.0	52
Washington*	6	262	43.7	53
Notre Dame*	3	110	36.7	44
Utah*	3	117	39.0	48
California*	4	167	41.8	48
Arizona*	5	215	43.0	56
Colorado*	5	190	38.0	43
Oregon*	6	234	39.0	44
UCLA*	7	281	40.1	53
Stanford(P12)*	3	130	43.3	45
2015 (Sr.)…	59	2438	41.3	56

	P	WITHIN 20	50+ YARDS
Ark. St.*	6	3	0
Idaho*	3	0	1
Stanford*	3	0	1
Arizona St.*	5	1	2
Washington*	6	2	1
Notre Dame*	3	2	0
Utah*	3	0	0
California*	4	3	0
Arizona*	5	0	1
Colorado*	5	0	0
Oregon*	6	2	0
UCLA*	7	0	1
Stanford(P12)*	3	0	0
2015 (Sr.)…	59	13	7

*Starter

(56) JORDAN AUSTIN
Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 280, Fr.*/So., Claremont, CA (Claremont HS)

2015: Austin saw brief action in 1 game (Idaho) as a redshirt freshman offensive tackle and guard in 2015. He missed the Arkansas State opener with a right foot injury.

(73) ZACH BANNER
Offensive Tackle, 6-9, 360, Jr.*/Sr., Tacoma, WA (Lakes HS)

CAREER: He has 25 starts in his career.

2015: Banner, USC's biggest player who also played basketball at USC earlier in his career, started for his second season at offensive tackle as a junior in 2015. He started 12 times at right tackle and once (Utah) at left tackle. He made the **2015 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American third team** and **All-Pac-12 first team**. He won **USC's Offensive Lineman of the Year Award**. He had 1 tackle in 2015.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (So.)…	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)…	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER…….	2	0/0	0	0

(95) KENNY BIGELOW JR.
Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 290, So.*/Jr., Elkton, MD (Eastern Christian Academy)

2015: After missing the previous 2 seasons while redshirting and then recuperating from an injury, Bigelow saw action as a backup defensive tackle in 12 games (all but UCLA) as a sophomore in 2015. Overall in 2015, he had 9 tackles, including 3 sacks for minus 19 yards, plus a deflection. He had 3 tackles (with a sack) against Arkansas State and 2 stops each versus Arizona State (with a sack), Utah and Colorado (with a sack). He was limited in 2015 spring practice while recuperating from a 2014 knee injury.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (So.)…	9	3/19	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH KENNY BIGELOW

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	3	1/6	1	0
Arizona St.	2	1/8	0	0
Utah	2	0/0	0	0
Colorado	2	1/5	0	0
2015 (So.)…	9	3/19	1	0

(36) MATT BOERMEESTER
Placekicker, 6-0, 180, So.*/Jr., San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic HS/Saddleback JC)

2015: The left-footed Boermeester, a sophomore placekicker in 2015, was forced into action at Oregon when Alex Wood was out with a concussion. He handled the placekicks (hitting all 4 of his PATs) and kicked off against Oregon, then just did the kickoffs in the final 2 games (UCLA and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game). Of his 18 kickoffs in 2015, 1 was a touchback and 3 pinned opponents within the 20. He also made 2 tackles.

	PAT ATT	PAT	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (So.)…	4	4	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MATT BOERMEESTER

2015

	PAT-PAT ATT
Oregon	4-4
2015 (So.)…	4-4

	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
Oregon	5	1 (0)
UCLA	8	2 (1)
Stanford(P12)	5	0 (0)
2015 (So.)…….	18	3 (1)

(77) CHRIS BROWN
Offensive Guard, 6-5, 295, Fr.*/So., Los Angeles, CA (Loyola HS)

2015: Brown saw action as a backup offensive guard and on special teams in all 13 games as a redshirt freshman in 2015. He even started twice (at right guard at Oregon and at left guard against UCLA).

(4) MAX BROWNE
Quarterback, 6-5, 220, So.*/Jr., Sammamish, WA (Skyline HS)

CAREER: He has completed 11-of-19 passes (57.9%) for 143 yards in his career.

2015: Browne spent his second year as the No. 2 quarterback as a sophomore in 2015. Overall in 2015, he appeared in 3 games, completing 8-of-12 passes (66.7%) for 113 yards. He hit 3-of-5 passes for 66 yards while playing the entire fourth quarter against Arkansas State, then hit 4-of-6 throws for 43 yards while playing all of the fourth quarter against Idaho but the last series. He played the last 2 series of the Arizona State game and completed his only pass attempt for 4 yards. He won **USC's Bob Chandler Award** (given to the underclassman with outstanding athletic ability, academic achievement and character).

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	7	3	0	.429	30	0	13	4	13	3.3	0	7
2015 (So.)...	12	8	0	.667	113	0	35	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER...	19	11	0	.579	143	0	35	4	13	3.3	0	7

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MAX BROWNE

2015

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Ark. St.	5	3	0	.600	66	0	35
Idaho	6	4	0	.667	43	0	18
Arizona St.	1	1	0	1.000	4	0	4
2015 (So.)...	12	8	0	.667	113	0	35

(80) DEONTAY BURNETT
Wide Receiver, 6-0, 170, Fr./Fr., Compton, CA (Serra HS)

2015: He was a reserve wide receiver as a first-year freshman at USC in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 11 games (all but Arkansas State and Stanford), he caught 9 passes for 148 yards (16.4 average). He had a 10-yard catch against Idaho, then 3 receptions for 53 yards at Notre Dame, 3 grabs for 82 yards at California, a catch for minus 6 yards against Arizona and a 9-yard reception versus UCLA. He enrolled at USC in the fall of 2015 from Oklahoma and was awarded a scholarship by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year).

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	9	148	16.4	0	34

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DEONTAY BURNETT

2015

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Idaho	1	10	10.0	0	10
Notre Dame	3	53	17.7	0	28
California	3	82	27.3	0	34
Arizona	1	-6	-6.0	0	-6
UCLA	1	9	9.0	0	9
2015 (Fr.)...	9	148	16.4	0	34

(21) SU'A CRAVENS
Outside Linebacker, 6-1, 225, Jr./Jr., Los Angeles, CA (Vista Murrieta HS)

CAREER: He has 198 tackles, including 33 for losses (with 10.5 sacks), plus 16 deflections, 1 fumble recovery, 3 forced fumbles and 9 interceptions (1 for a TD) in his career. He has 39 career starts.

2015: The always-around-the-ball Cravens started for his third year, again playing strongside outside linebacker (a hybrid safety-linebacker role) as a junior in 2015 and he proved to be among the nation's best linebackers. Overall in 2015 while starting all 13 games, he had a 78 tackles, including 14.5 for losses of 58 yards (with 5.5 sacks for minus 33 yards)—all team bests—plus 2 interceptions, 6 deflections and 2 forced fumbles. In mid-December, he announced he would forego his 2016 senior season and enter the 2016 NFL Draft.

He was **among 5 finalists for the Polynesian Player of the Year Award**, as well as among **20 semifinalists for the Bednarik Award, 10 semifinalists for the Butkus Award and 22 quarterfinalists for the Lott IMPACT Trophy**. He made the **2015 CBSSports.com, Phil Steele and CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American second teams, AP All-American third team and SI.com All-American honorable mention**. He made the **2015 All-Pac-12 first team** (for the second consecutive year). He won **USC's Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year Award** for the second consecutive year.

He had 6 tackles and an interception that he returned 32 yards against Arkansas State, then had 2 tackles (with a sack) against Idaho. He had a team-best 13 tackles (with a sack) and a deflection against Stanford and a team-high 6 tackles (2 for losses) and a forced fumble that USC recovered at Arizona State. He had 4 tackles and a deflection against Washington and 10 tackles (1.5 for a loss) and a deflection at Notre Dame. Against Utah, Cravens had 4 tackles (2 for losses, with a sack) and intercepted a pass in the end zone on the Utes' final play. He had 5 tackles at California, then a team-high 8 tackles (2.5 for a loss, with 1.5 sacks) and a forced fumble against Arizona to earn **Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week** honors. He had a team-best 8 tackles, including 2 for losses (with a sack), at Colorado to earn **Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week** honors. He had 4 tackles (1.5 for losses) at Oregon, 3 tackles and 3 deflections against UCLA and 5 tackles (1 for a loss) against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	52	1.5/4	1	1	4	54	13.5	0	54
2014 (So.)...	68	17/82	9	0	3	47	15.7	1	31
2015 (Jr.)...	78	14.5/58	6	0	2	32	16.0	0	32
CAREER.....	198	33/144	16	1	9	133	14.8	1	54

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	1	33	33.0	0	33	1	1	1.0	0	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH SU'A CRAVENS

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	6	0/0	0	0	1	32	32.0	0	32
Idaho*	2	1/8	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	13	1/9	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	6	2/5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	4	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	10	1.5/4	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	4	2/7	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
California*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	8	2.5/7	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	8	2/9	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	4	1.5/2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	3	0/0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	5	1/7	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)...	78	14.5/58	6	0	2	32	16.0	0	32

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(92) JACOB DANIEL
Defensive Tackle, 6-4, 325, Fr./Fr., Fresno, CA (Clovis North HS)

2015: Daniel served as a backup defensive tackle as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 3 games (Arkansas, Idaho, Arizona State), he had 3 tackles (2 versus Arkansas State and 1 versus Idaho).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	3	0/0	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JACOB DANIEL

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	2	0/0	0	0
Idaho	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona State	0	0/0	1	0
2015 (Fr.)...	3	0/0	1	0

(14) SAM DARNOLD
Quarterback, 6-4, 215, Fr./Fr., Capistrano Beach, CA (San Clemente HS)

2015: Darnold redshirted in 2015 as the No. 3 quarterback as a first-year freshman. He was **USC's Offensive Service Team Player of the Year**.

(16) DOMINIC DAVIS
Tailback-Wide Receiver, 5-10, 175, Fr./Fr., Los Angeles, CA (Alemany HS)

2015: Davis served as a backup tailback and wide receiver as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games, he ran for 69 yards on 14 carries (4.9 avg), caught 7 passes for 102 yards (14.6 avg) and had a 2-yard kickoff return and a tackle. He caught 2 passes for 53 yards plus had a 2-yard run and 2-yard kickoff return against Arkansas State. He ran for 37 yards on 5 tries against Idaho, then had 16 yards on 2 carries against Stanford. He had 1 rush for a loss of a yard and a reception for 23 yards against Washington, then lost 3 yards on his only carry at Notre Dame. He had 3 yards on 2 carries and caught passes for 22 yards versus Utah, then caught a 4-yard pass at California and had 15 yards on 2 carries against UCLA.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	14	69	4.9	0	19	7	102	14.6	0	35

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	1	2	2.0	0	2	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DOMINIC DAVIS

2015

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.	1	2	2.0	0	2	2	53	26.5	0	35
Idaho	5	37	7.4	0	12	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	2	16	8.0	0	19	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington	1	-1	-1.0	0	-1	1	23	23.0	0	23
Notre Dame	1	-3	-3.0	0	-3	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah	2	3	1.5	0	4	3	22	7.3	0	12
California	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	4	4.0	0	4
UCLA	2	15	7.5	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Fr.)...	14	69	4.9	0	19	7	102	14.6	0	35

(22) JUSTIN DAVIS
Tailback, 6-1, 195, Jr./Jr., Stockton, CA (Lincoln HS)

CAREER: He has 1,831 yards on 339 carries (5.4 avg) with 15 TDs and 32 receptions for 288 yards (9.0 avg) with 3 TDs in his career. His 1,831 career rushing yards is 22nd on USC's all-time list. He has 7 career starts.

2015: Davis, a quick, darting runner, started the last 7 games of 2015 at tailback as a junior. Overall while appearing in 12 games (all but Arkansas State), he ran for 875 yards on 157 carries (5.6 avg) with 5 TDs, caught 18 passes for 189 yards (10.5 avg) and had 7 kickoff returns for 146 yards (20.9 avg). He made **2015 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He missed the Arkansas State opener with hamstring and rib injuries.

Against Idaho, he had 74 yards on 5 carries (14.8 average) with 2 short TDs (he also had a 43-yard non-scoring run). He had 46 yards on 8 tries and 3 catches for 23 yards against Stanford. He had 24 yards on 7 carries and another 35 yards on 2 receptions at Arizona State. He had 31 yards on 8 carries and another 36 yards on 2 catches against Washington. He had 52 yards on 7 carries and 3 catches for 33 yards at Notre Dame. He had 66 yards on 19 tries (with a 9-yard scoring run) versus Utah. He had 42 yards on 15 carries and 2 kickoff returns for 53 yards at California. He had 85 yards (with TDs of 9 and 16 yards) on 16 carries and he had a 7-yard kickoff return versus Arizona. He had a game-best 85 yards on 14 carries along with 3 catches for 28 yards and a 27-yard kickoff return at Colorado. He ran for a career-best 141 yards on 16 carries and he also had 3 catches for 24 yards and 2 kickoff returns for 59 yards at Oregon. He had 130 yards on 25 carries (100 in the fourth quarter on 15 rushes) against UCLA to win **USC's Player of the Game Vs. UCLA Award**. He had 99 yards on 17 carries (1 yard shy of his third consecutive 100-yard rushing outing), caught 2 passes for 20 yards and returned a kickoff for no yards against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	53	361	6.8	6	58	1	7	7.0	0	7
2014 (So.)...	129	595	4.6	4	47	13	92	7.1	2	16
2015 (Jr.)...	157	875	5.6	5	43	18	189	10.5	0	23
CAREER.....	339	1831	5.4	15	58	32	288	9.0	2	23

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Jr.)...	7	146	20.9	0	36

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JUSTIN DAVIS

2015

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Idaho	5	74	14.8	2	43	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	8	46	5.8	0	15	3	23	7.7	0	23
Arizona St.	7	24	3.4	0	9	2	35	17.5	0	23
Washington	8	31	3.9	0	9	2	36	18.0	0	19
Notre Dame	7	52	7.4	0	32	3	23	7.7	0	14
Utah*	19	66	3.5	1	19	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	15	42	2.8	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	16	85	5.3	2	18	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	14	85	6.1	0	29	3	28	9.3	0	12
Oregon*	16	141	8.8	0	38	3	24	8.0	0	11
UCLA*	25	130	5.2	0	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	17	99	5.8	0	25	2	20	10.0	0	17
2015 (Jr.)...	157	875	5.6	5	43	18	189	10.5	0	23
California*	2	53	26.5	0	29
Arizona*	1	7	7.0	0	7
Colorado*	1	27	27.0	0	27
Oregon*	2	59	29.5	0	36
Stanford(P12)*	1	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)...	7	146	20.9	0	36

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(55) LAMAR DAWSON
Inside Linebacker, 6-1, 230, Sr.*/Sr., Junction City, KY (Boyle County HS)

CAREER: He has 168 tackles (8.5 for losses, with 3 sacks), 6 deflections and 2 interceptions in his career. He has 21 career starts.

2015: Dawson, previously a starter for 3 seasons who was sidelined the previous year-and-a-half with a knee injury, served as a backup inside linebacker as a senior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 8 games (staring once, at California), he had 31 tackles, including 1 for a loss of 3 yards (with 0.5 sack for minus 2 yards), 2 deflections and a forced fumble. He missed the first 2 games with broken ribs and the final 3 games with a shoulder injury that required surgery. He won **USC's Courage Award**.

Against Stanford, he had 6 tackles in his first action since mid-2013. He had 3 stops at Arizona State and 3 tackles (0.5 sack) against Washington. He had 3 tackles at Notre Dame, 4 tackles and a deflection against Utah and 4 tackles and a forced fumble at California. He had 7 tackles (0.5 for loss) and a deflection against Arizona and a tackle at Colorado before hurting his shoulder.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2011 (Fr.)...	25	2/4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2012 (So.)...	77	2/5	2	0	2	23	11.5	0	22
2013 (Jr.)...	35	3.5/12	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)...	31	1/3	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	168	8.5/24	6	0	2	23	11.5	0	22

GAME-BY-GAME WITH LAMAR DAWSON

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Stanford	6	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	3	0/0	0	0
Washington	3	0.5/2	0	0
Notre Dame	3	0/0	0	0
Utah	4	0/0	0	1
California*	4	0/0	0	0
Arizona	7	0.5/1	0	1
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)...	31	1/3	2	0

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(44) MALIK DORTON
Defensive End, 6-2, 275, Fr.*/So., Los Angeles, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

2015: Dorton, who was switched from outside linebacker to defensive end in 2015 spring drills, was a reserve as a redshirt freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 2 games (Arkansas State and Idaho), he had 2 tackles (1 in each game).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MALIK DORTON

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	1	0/0	0	0
Idaho	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	0	0

(70) CHUMA EDOGA
Offensive Tackle, 6-4, 280, Fr./Fr., Atlanta, GA (McEachern HS)

2015: Edoga, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2015 after graduating a semester early from high school, served as an often-used backup offensive tackle as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 he appeared in 12 games (all but Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game), even starting at right tackle versus Utah.

(74) NICO FALAH
Offensive Tackle, 6-4, 285, So.*/Jr., Hermosa Beach, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

CAREER: He has 1 career start.

2015: The Falah served as a backup offensive tackle and then center, and he played on special teams, as a sophomore in 2015. Overall in 2015, he appeared in 10 games (all but Stanford, Washington and Notre Dame), even starting at center versus Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

(47) SCOTT FELIX
Outside Linebacker, 6-2, 240, Jr.*/Sr., Norco, CA (Norco HS)

CAREER: He has 73 tackles, including 10.5 for losses (with 5.5 sacks), plus 3 deflections, 2 fumble recoveries and 2 forced fumbles in his career. He has 14 career starts.

2015: Felix, originally known as Scott Starr before legally changing his name in 2014, started most of 2015 at outside linebacker as a junior. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games (starting all but Arizona, UCLA and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game), he had 26 tackles, including 5.5 for losses of 37 yards (with 4 sacks for minus 31 yards), plus a fumble recovery.

He had a tackle against Arkansas State, 3 tackles against Idaho and 4 tackles (1 for a loss) against Stanford. He had a sack and recovered a fumble at Arizona State, a tackle (0.5 sack) against Washington, 4 tackles (1.5 for a loss, including a sack) at Notre Dame and 3 tackles against Utah. He had 2 tackles at California, a tackle (0.5 sack) against Arizona and 3 tackles at Colorado. He had a tackle at Oregon and 2 tackles against UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)…	2	0/0	0	0
2013 (Fr.)…	9	0/0	1	0
2014 (So.)…	36	5/28	2	2
2015 (Jr.)…	26	5.5/37	0	1
CAREER……	73	10.5/65	3	3

GAME-BY-GAME WITH SCOTT FELIX

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.*	1	0/0	0	0
Idaho*	3	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	4	1/5	0	0
Arizona St.*	1	1/4	0	1
Washington*	1	0.5/2	0	0
Notre Dame*	4	1.5/9	0	0
Utah*	3	0/0	0	0
California*	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	0.5/3	0	0
Colorado*	3	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	2	1/14	0	0
2015 (Jr.)…	26	5.5/37	0	1

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(94) RASHEEM GREEN
Defensive Tackle-Defensive End, 6-5, 285, Fr./Fr., Los Angeles, CA (Serra HS)

2015: Green served as an often-used defensive tackle and end as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 19 tackles, including 1 for a loss of 4 yards (with 0.5 sack for minus 3 yards), plus a fumble recovery for a TD. He had 2 tackles against Arkansas State and 3 against Idaho. He had 2 tackles at California, 1 tackle (0.5 sack) against Arizona and 1 tackle at Colorado. He had 5 tackles (0.5 for a loss) at Oregon. He had a tackle and returned a fumble 31 yards for a TD against UCLA. He had 4 tackles against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)…	19	1/4	0	1#

#Includes 1 returned for TD

GAME-BY-GAME WITH RASHEEM GREEN

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	2	0/0	0	0
Idaho	3	0/0	0	0
California	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	0.5/3	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	5	0.5/1	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	1#
Stanford(P12)	4	0/0	0	0
2015 (Fr.)…	19	1/4	0	1#

#Includes 1 returned for TD

(10) JALEN GREENE
Wide Receiver-Quarterback, 6-1, 195, Fr.*/So., Gardena, CA (Serra HS)

2015: Greene was a backup wide receiver as a redshirt freshman in 2015 and the left-hander was also available as a quarterback (but did not play the position). Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games at a wideout (starting 3 times, versus Notre Dame, Utah and California), he had 10 catches for 105 yards (10.5 avg) and 2 carries for 1 yard (0.5 avg), and he also completed 3-of-4 passes (75.0%) for 127 yards with a TD off of receiver throwbacks.

He caught 2 passes for 25 yards and threw an 18-yard completion on a lateral against Arkansas State, then caught 3 passes for 27 yards against Idaho. He threw a 75-yard scoring pass off a lateral (he also caught 2 passes for 22 yards) at Notre Dame. He caught 2 passes for 15 yards against Utah (and he also threw an incomplete pass). He caught a 15-yard pass, completed a 34-yard pass and had a rush for minus 6 yards at California. He had a 7-yard run off a backwards pass at Oregon.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)…	10	104	10.4	0	16	2	1	0.5	0	7

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)…	4	3	0	.750	127	1	75

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JALEN GREENE

2015

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.	2	35	17.5	0	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
Idaho	3	27	9.0	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	2	22	11.0	0	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	2	15	7.5	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	1	15	15.0	0	15	1	-6	-6.0	0	-6
Oregon	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	7	7.0	0	7
2015 (Fr.)…	10	104	10.4	0	16	2	1	0.5	0	7

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Ark. St.	1	1	0	1.000	18	0	18
Notre Dame*	1	1	0	1.000	75	0	75
Utah*	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0
California*	1	1	0	1.000	34	0	34
2015 (Fr.)…	4	3	0	.750	127	1	75

*Starter

(45) PORTER GUSTIN
Outside Linebacker, 6-5, 250, Fr./Fr., Elk Ridge, UT (Salem Hills HS)

2015: Gustin was an often-used outside linebacker as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games (starting twice, versus UCLA and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game), he had 24 tackles, including 7 for losses of 44 yards (with 5.5 sacks for minus 38 yards).

He had 3 tackles against Arkansas State, 2 tackles (1 for a loss) against Idaho and 1 tackle (0.5 sack) against Stanford. He had 5 tackles (0.5 sack) against Washington, 2 tackles (with a sack) at Notre Dame and 1 tackle against Utah. He had 2 tackles (with a sack) against Arizona, a tackle at Colorado, 4 tackles (1.5 sacks) at Oregon and 3 tackles (with a sack) against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)…	24	7/44	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH PORTER GUSTIN

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	3	0/0	0	0
Idaho	2	1/5	0	0
Stanford	1	0.5/1	0	0
Washington	5	0.5/2	0	0
Notre Dame	2	1/8	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	2	1/6	0	0
Colorado	1	0.5/1	0	0
Oregon	4	1.5/16	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	3	1/5	0	0
2015 (Fr.)…	24	7/44	0	0

*Starter

(89) De'QUAN HAMPTON
Wide Receiver, 6-4, 220, Jr./Jr., Carson, CA
(Dominguez HS/Long Beach CC)

2015: Hampton, a junior college transfer in the fall of 2015, served as a backup wide receiver as a junior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 11 games (all but Stanford and Washington), he had 15 receptions for 165 yards (11.0 avg), plus a tackle. He had 2 catches for 35 yards against Arkansas State. He had an 8-yard catch at Notre Dame, a 29-yard reception against Utah and a 12-yard catch at California. He had 2 grabs for 15 yards against Arizona and 2 receptions for 19 yards and a tackle at Colorado. He had a career-best 6 grabs for 47 yards at Oregon.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Jr.)...	15	165	11.0	0	29	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH De'QUAN HAMPTON

2015

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.	2	35	17.5	0	25
Notre Dame	1	8	8.0	0	8
Utah	1	29	29.0	0	29
California	1	12	12.0	0	12
Arizona	2	15	7.5	0	10
Colorado	2	19	9.5	0	10
Oregon	6	47	7.8	0	14
2015 (Jr.)...	15	165	11.0	0	29

(18) AJENE HARRIS
Wide Receiver, 5-11, 185, So./So., Los Angeles, CA (Crenshaw)

2015: Harris, a promising wide receiver, was sidelined during his 2015 sophomore season after having surgery on his hips in the summer of 2015.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	4	38	9.5	0	21	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0

(4) CHRIS HAWKINS
Safety, 5-11, 190, So.*/Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, CA
(Rancho Cucamonga HS)

CAREER: He has 94 tackles (third on USC), including 2.5 for losses, 2 deflections, 2 fumble recoveries (1 for a TD) and 3 interceptions in his career. He has 17 career starts (13 at free safety and 4 at cornerback).

2015: The experienced Hawkins was moved from cornerback to free safety in 2015 spring practice and started there all of 2015 as a sophomore. Overall in 2015 while starting 13 times, he had 62 tackles, including 1.5 for losses of 4 yards, plus 2 fumble recoveries (with a TD) and 2 interceptions. He is 24th nationally in fumbles recovered (2, third in Pac-12).

He had 5 tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery against Arkansas State, a tackle against Idaho and 7 tackles against Stanford. At Arizona State, he had 2 tackles and returned a fumble 94 yards for a TD. He had 7 tackles against Washington, 3 tackles at Notre Dame, 5 stops against Utah and a team-best 8 tackles at California. He had 6 tackles (0.5 for loss) against Arizona, 5 tackles at Colorado and 3 tackles and an end-zone interception at Oregon. He had 2 tackles against UCLA, then 8 tackles (1 for a loss) against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	32	1/2	2	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	62	1.5/4	0	2#	2	20	10.0	0	20
CAREER.....	94	2.5/6	2	2#	3	20	6.7	0	20

#Includes 1 returned for TD

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CHRIS HAWKINS

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	5	0/0	0	1	1	20	20.0	0	20
Idaho*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	7	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	0/0	0	1#	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	7	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	8	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	6	0.5/3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	3	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	8	1/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	62	1.5/4	0	2#	2	20	10.0	0	20

#Includes 1 returned for TD
*Starter

(63) ROY HEMSLEY
Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 315, Fr./Fr., Los Angeles, CA
(Windward School)

2015: Hemsley, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2015 after graduating a semester early from high school, redshirted as an offensive tackle as a first-year freshman in 2015.

(59) DON HILL
Outside Linebacker, 6-2, 245, Fr.*/So., Boise, ID (Timberline HS)

2015: Don Hill served as a backup outside linebacker as a redshirt freshman in 2015. Overall while appearing in 4 games (Idaho, Oregon, UCLA, Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game), he had 7 tackles, including 0.5 for loss of 1-yard. He had 3 tackles against Idaho and UCLA and 1 versus Stanford. He won **USC's Defensive Service Team Player of the Year Award and Lifter's Award**.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	7	0.5/1	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DON HILL

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Idaho	3	0.5/1	0	0
UCLA	3	0/0	0	0
Stanford(P12)	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (Fr.)...	7	0.5/1	0	0

(10) JOHN HOUSTON JR.
Outside Linebacker, 6-3, 220, Fr./Fr., Carson, CA (Serra HS)

2015: Houston redshirted as an outside linebacker as a first-year freshman in 2015. He was slowed during the year with a mid-season back injury.

(19) MICHAEL HUTCHINGS
Inside Linebacker, 6-1, 225, Jr./Jr., Antioch, CA (De La Salle HS)

CAREER: He has 52 tackles and 1 interception in his career. He has 2 career starts.

2015: Hutchings served as a backup inside linebacker as a junior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 11 games (all but Utah and California) and starting once (UCLA), he had 13 tackles. He had 4 tackles against Oregon and UCLA, 3 versus Idaho and 2 against Arkansas State. He missed the Utah game because he was sick.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	19	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	20	0/0	0	0	1	6	6.0	0	6
2015 (Jr.)...	13	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	52	0/0	0	0	1	6	6.0	0	6

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MICHAEL HUTCHINGS

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	2	0/0	0	0
Idaho	3	0/0	0	0
Oregon	4	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	4	0/0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)...	13	0/0	0	0

*Starter

(49) DANIEL IMATORBHEBHE
Tight End, 6-4, 225, Fr./Fr., Suwanee, GA
(North Gwinnett HS/Florida)

2015: A first-year freshman tight end, he sat out the 2015 season because of NCAA transfer rules. He transferred to USC in the fall of 2015 from Florida and was awarded a scholarship by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year).

(2) ADOREE' JACKSON
Cornerback-Wide Receiver-Returner, 5-11, 185, So./So., Belleville, IL (Serra HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 80 tackles (4 for losses), 16 deflections and an interception for a TD on defense, 34 receptions for 520 yards (15.3 avg) with 5 TDs and 7 carries for 40 yards (5.7 avg) on offense and 52 kickoff returns for 1,348 yards (25.9 avg) with 2 TDs and 25 punt returns for 262 yards (10.5 avg) with 2 TDs on special teams. In his career, he has scored a touchdown via reception, interception, punt return and kickoff return. He is seventh on USC's career kickoff return list (1,348 yards). He has 23 career starts.

2015: Jackson, perhaps the most exciting player in college football, returned in 2015 as a starting cornerback and a dangerous kickoff returner, plus he saw significant action at wide receiver. USC's first 3-way player in nearly 20 years, he has drawn comparisons with former Michigan Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson (they have posted comparable statistics). Jackson also is the defending Pac-12 long jump champion for USC's track team who was fifth at the NCAA Meet to earn All-American status.

Overall in 2015 while starting 11 times at cornerback (all but Utah and UCLA), once at safety (versus UCLA) and once at wide receiver (versus Utah), he has 31 tackles, 6 deflections, a forced fumble and an interception for a TD on defense, 24 receptions for 382 yards (15.9 avg) with 2 TDs and 6 carries for 35 yards (5.8 avg) on offense and 29 kickoff returns for 664 yards (22.9 avg) and 23 punt returns for 250 yards (10.9 avg) with 2 TDs on special teams. He is the only player nationally with at least 300 yards receiving, 600 in kickoff returns, 200 in punt returns and 30 tackles. He currently is second nationally in punt returns TDs (2, first in Pac-12) and 23rd in punt returns (10.9, fourth in Pac-12). He has had 143 plays on offense, 591 on defense and 140 on special teams in 2015. He was a **finalist for the 2015 Hornung Award**. He made **Phil Steele All-American third team (**as a defensive back and all-purpose player**) and SI.com All-American honorable mention**. He made the **2015 All-Pac-12 first team** (as a defensive back) **and second team** (as a return specialist). He was **USC's MVP**.

He had 2 punt returns for 40 yards and a 23-yard kickoff return against Arkansas State while getting 2 plays on offense, 6 on defense and 4 on special teams before being sidelined in the second quarter with an abdominal strain. He had 3 tackles and a deflection along with 4 catches for 62 yards (including a zigzagging 30-yard pickup) and 3 punt returns for 7 yards versus Idaho (he had 6 plays on offense, 32 on defense and 9 on special teams). He had 5 tackles, 5 kickoff returns for 118 yards and a punt return for no yards against Stanford (he played 9 plays on offense, 57 on defense and 12 on special teams). At Arizona State, he had 2 tackles along with 184 all-purpose yards on just 5 touches (3 receptions for 131 yards, including taking a swing pass a career-long 80 yards for a TD to open the game's scoring and also grabbing a 45-yarder on third-and-6 to keep a TD drive alive, and 2 punt returns for 53 yards, including a ridiculous 45-yarder where he juked, jumped and slipped defenders while playing 4 plays on offense, 48 on defense and 9 on special teams) to earn **Hornung Award Honor Roll** notice. He had a tackle, 3 catches for 3 yards, 3 punt returns for 3 yards and 3 kickoff returns for 66 yards against Washington while playing 30 plays on offense, 54 on defense and 10 on special teams. At Notre Dame, he had 3 tackles and forced a fumble that USC recovered in the end zone (he also caught a short pass and turned it into an 83-yard score, had 4 kickoff returns for 101 yards and rushed for 9 yards on 2 carries getting 26 plays on offense, 38 on defense and 15 on special teams) to earn **Hornung Award Honor Roll** notice. He had 6 catches for 37 yards, 2 kickoff returns for 33 yards, 2 punt returns for minus 1-yard and 2 rushes for minus 1-yard against Utah while getting 40 plays on offense, 2 on defense and 10 on special teams. At California, he made 2 tackles, returned his first career interception for a 46-yard TD, had 2 catches for 18 yards, returned a kickoff for 31 yards and had a 9-yard punt return while getting 6 plays on offense, 45 on defense and 9 on special teams to earn **CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week and Hornung Award Honor Roll** honors. He had 2 tackles, 4 catches for 45 yards, 4 punt returns for 28 yards and 3 kickoff returns for 57 yards against Arizona while getting 7 plays on offense, 73 on defense and 12 on special teams to earn **Hornung Award Honor Roll** notice. He had a tackle, a deflection, a 3-yard reception, 3 kickoff returns for 70 yards and an 11-yard punt return at Colorado while getting 1 play on offense, 56 on defense and 10 on special teams. He had 4 tackles, returned 2 punts for 45 yards (with a 41-yard TD) and picked up a kickoff fumbled by USC and returned it 26 yards at Oregon while getting 5 plays on offense, 63 on defense and 14 on special teams. Jackson had a team-best 6 tackles and 2 deflections (starting at safety) and also returned 3 kickoffs for 53 yards and 2 punts for 46 yards (with a 42-yard TD) against UCLA while seeing 2 plays on offense, 62 on defense and 10 on special teams. Against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game, he had 2 tackles and 2 deflections on offense, returned 4 kickoffs for 86 yards and had a 27-yard run while getting 5 plays on offense, 55 on defense and 16 on special teams.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	49	4/7	10	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	31	0/0	6	0	1	46	46.0	1	46
CAREER.....	80	4/7	16	1	1	46	46.0	1	46

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	10	138	13.8	3	71	1	5	5.0	0	5
2015 (So.)...	24	382	15.9	2	83	6	35	5.8	0	27
CAREER.....	34	520	15.3	5	83	7	40	5.7	0	27

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	23	684	29.7	2	100	2	12	12.0	0	10
2015 (So.)...	29	664	22.9	0	40	23	250	10.9	2	45
CAREER.....	52	1348	25.9	2	100	25	262	10.5	2	45

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ADOREE' JACKSON

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Idaho*	3	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	2	0/0	0	0	1	46	46.0	1	46
Arizona*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	1	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	6	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	2	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	31	0/0	6	0	1	46	46.0	1	46

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Idaho*	4	62	15.5	0	30	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	3	131	43.7	1	80	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	3	3	1.0	0	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	1	83	83.0	1	83	2	9	4.5	0	6
Utah**	6	37	6.2	0	9	2	-1	-1.0	0	2
California*	2	18	9.0	0	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	4	45	11.3	0	42	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	1	3	3.0	0	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	27	27.0	0	27
2015 (So.)...	24	382	15.9	2	83	6	35	5.8	0	27

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	1	23	23.0	0	23	2	40	20.0	0	31
Idaho*	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	7	2.3	0	7
Stanford*	5	118	23.6	0	40	1	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	53	26.5	0	45
Washington*	3	66	22.0	0	29	3	12	4.0	0	15
Notre Dame*	4	101	25.3	0	33	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah**	2	33	16.5	0	17	2	-1	-0.5	0	0
California*	1	31	31.0	0	31	1	9	9.0	0	9
Arizona*	3	57	19.0	0	31	4	28	7.0	0	16
Colorado*	3	70	23.3	0	28	1	11	11.0	0	11
Oregon*	0	26	0.0	0	26	2	45	22.5	1	41
UCLA*	3	53	17.7	0	20	2	46	23.0	1	42
Stanford(P12)*	4	86	21.5	0	32	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	29	664	22.9	0	40	23	250	10.9	2	45

*Starter on defense only
**Starter on offense only

(91) NOAH JEFFERSON
Defensive Tackle, 6-6, 330, Fr./Fr., Las Vegas, NV (Liberty HS)

2015: Jefferson served as a backup defensive tackle as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 21 tackles. He had 4 tackles against Stanford and Oregon, 3 against Arkansas State, 2 at California and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game and 1 versus Idaho, Arizona State, Notre Dame, Utah, Colorado and UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	21	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH NOAH JEFFERSON

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	3	0/0	0	0
Idaho	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford	4	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0
California	2	0/0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	4	0/0	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford(P12)	2	0/0	0	0
2015 (Fr.)...	21	0/0	0	0

(76) CLAYTON JOHNSTON
Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 290, Fr./Fr., Orange, CA (Servite HS)

2015: He redshirted as a reserve offensive tackle as a first-year freshman at USC in 2015. He enrolled at USC in the fall of 2015 from Oklahoma and was awarded a scholarship by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year).

(25) RONALD JONES II
Tailback, 6-0, 185, Fr./Fr., McKinney, TX (McKinney North HS)

2015: Jones made an immediate impact as an often-used backup first-year freshman tailback in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games, he had a team-best 940 yards on 145 carries (6.5 avg) with 8 TDs and 6 receptions for 27 yards (4.5 avg) with 1 TD. He is on pace to join LenDale White as the only true freshmen to lead USC in rushing in a season (White did so in 2003). His 940 rushing yards broke Heisman Trophy winner Charles White's 39-year-old USC freshman season rushing record (858 yards in 1976). He currently is 15th nationally in yards per carry (6.5, second in Pac-12). He made **2015 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**.

He had 86 yards on 6 carries with a 44-yard TD against Arkansas State. Against Idaho, he had a team-best 83 yards on 8 carries (10.4 average) with a 1-yard TD (1 play after a 44-yard burst) and caught a 15-yard pass. He had 19 yards on 6 attempts and a 5-yard reception against Stanford. He had a team-best 54 yards on 10 carries at Arizona State. He had 8 carries for 65 yards with a short TD against Washington. He had a team-best 73 yards on 6 carries (with a 65-yard run) at Notre Dame. He had a game-best 73 yards on 15 carries (with an 18-yard TD) versus Utah. He had a game-best 80 yards on 11 carries, with a 13-yard TD, at California. He set the USC freshman game rushing yardage record as he ran for 177 yards on 19 carries (breaking LenDale White's 2003 mark by 37 yards), with a 74-yard TD burst, and he also caught a 5-yard scoring pass against Arizona to earn **Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Player of the Week honorable mention and USC's Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award** (for longest run from scrimmage). He had 61 yards on 19 tries and he caught a pass for no yards at Colorado. He had 56 yards on 14 carries (with a 12-yard TD run) and he also had a reception for minus 1 yard at Oregon. He had 63 yards on 17 tries versus UCLA to set the USC freshman season rushing yardage record and he also had a 3-yard reception. Against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game, he had 50 yards on 6 tries with a 27-yard TD.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	145	940	6.5	8	74	6	27	4.5	1	15

GAME-BY-GAME WITH RONALD JONES II

2015

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.	6	86	14.3	1	44	0	0	0.0	0	0
Idaho	8	83	10.4	1	44	1	15	15.0	0	15
Stanford	6	19	3.2	0	6	1	5	5.0	0	5
Arizona St.	10	54	5.4	0	22	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington	8	65	8.1	1	23	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	6	73	12.2	0	65	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah	15	73	4.9	1	20	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	11	80	7.3	1	18	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	19	177	9.3	1	74	1	5	5.0	1	5
Colorado	19	61	3.2	0	14	1	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	14	56	4.0	1	12	1	-1	-1.0	0	-1
UCLA	17	63	3.7	0	9	1	3	3.0	0	3
Stanford(P12)	6	50	8.3	1	27	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Fr.)...	145	940	6.5	8	74	6	27	4.5	1	15

(83) GEORGE KATRIB
Wide Receiver, 6-0, 185, Sr./Sr., Diamond Bar, CA (Diamond Bar HS)

CAREER: He has made 26 tackles in his career.

2015: Katrib was a reserve wide receiver and played on special teams as a senior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games, he made 6 tackles. He had 3 tackles versus Arkansas State and 1 each against Idaho, Colorado and Oregon.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2013 (So.)...	11	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	8	0/0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)...	6	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	26	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH GEORGE KATRIB

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	3	0/0	0	0
Idaho	1	0/0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)...	6	0/0	0	0

(6) CODY KESSLER
Quarterback, 6-1, 215, Sr.*/Sr., Bakersfield, CA (Centennial HS)

CAREER: He has completed 833-of-1,229 passes (67.8%) for 10,118 yards with 87 TDs and just 18 interceptions in his career. He is in the Top 4 of several USC career lists: third in TD passes (87) and completions (833) and fourth in passing yardage (10,118) and total offense (9,710 yards). His current career completion percentage of 67.8% and interception rate of 1.46 are better than 2004 Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart's USC records (64.8% and 1.85%). He has thrown for at least 300 yards in a game 11 times in his career (including twice for 400 yards) and 3 times he has done it back-to-back. He has thrown at least 1 TD pass in 34 of his 40 career starts, at least 2 scores 24 times in his career, at least 3 TDs 13 times, at least 4 TDs 9 times and at least 5 TDs 4 times. He has thrown just 12 interceptions in his past 31 games. He has thrown 56 touchdowns in the last 20 games. Since 2014, his TD-to-interception ratio is an amazing 67-to-11. He has completed at least 70.0% of his passes 16 times. He had a streak of 103 pass attempts without having thrown an interception (dating to 2014) that was snapped early in the 2015 Arizona State game and he had a streak of 195 straight spanning the 2013 and 2014 seasons. He has 7 rushing touchdowns. He also has 7 pooch punts for a 33.0 average in his career. He has a 27-13 record as a starting quarterback.

2015: Kessler started for his third season at quarterback in 2015 and once again put together a productive and efficient season. Overall in 2015 while starting all 13 games, he completed 280-of-414 passes (67.6%) for 3,315 yards with 28 TDs and just 6 interceptions in 2015, plus he also had 4 rushing TDs. He completed at least 70.0% of his passes 6 times in 2015. Eight of his 28 TD passes in 2015 have been at least 41 yards. He currently is 11th nationally in completion percentage (.676, third in Pac-12), 13th in passing TDs (28, third in Pac-12), 16th in passing efficiency (154.3, fourth in Pac-12), and 25th in both points responsible for (15.1, fifth in Pac-12) and completions (21.5, fifth in Pac-12). His 280 completions is sixth on the USC season list and his 3,183 yards of total offense is 11th on the USC season chart.

He is among **10 finalists for the Senior CLASS Award** and he was among **5 finalists for the 2015 Unitas Golden Arm Award, 20 semifinalists for the Maxwell Award and 17 semifinalists for the Davey O'Brien Award**. He made **2015 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He won **USC's Trojan Way Leadership Award** for the second consecutive year. He was a **USC captain** for the second year in a row.

He completed 73.1% of his passes (19-of-26) for 240 yards with 4 TDs (including a 61-yarder on the game's fourth play) and no interceptions while playing just the first 3 quarters versus Arkansas State, but was sacked 5 times. He completed 83.9% of his passes (26-of-31) for a career-high 410 yards with 3 TDs (50, 41 and 28 yards) and no interceptions while playing just the first 3 quarters versus Idaho (he hit 11 of his first 12 aerials and 16 of his first 18). He hit 78.1% of his passes (25-of-32) for 272 yards with 3 TDs (including a 54-yarder) and no interceptions versus Stanford. He threw for 375 yards (on 19-of-33 passing) with 5 TDs (including 80- and 27-yarders) at Arizona State to earn **Manning Award Star of the Week** honors, but he had a streak of 103 passes without an interception dating to 2014 snapped early in the game. He was 16-of-29 for 156 yards against Washington, but didn't throw a TD and had 2 passes intercepted. He hit 30-of-46 passes for 365 yards with 2 long TDs (83 and 75 yards), but was intercepted twice in the fourth quarter, and he also ran 3 yards for a TD at Notre Dame. He completed 75.0% of his passes (21-of-28) for 264 yards (with a 25-yard TD) and he also scored on a 1-yard sneak against Utah. He hit 81.8% of his passes (18-of-22) for 186 yards at California. He was 22-of-36 for 243 yards with 2 TDs (including a 72-yarder) against Arizona. He hit 17-of-27 passes for 204 yards with 3 second-half TDs and he also threw an interception at Colorado. He hit 30-of-41 passes (73.2%) for 238 yards with 2 TDs at Oregon. He completed 15-of-26 passes for 175 yards with 2 TDs against UCLA and he also had a 1-yard TD sneak. He completed 22-of-37 passes for 187 yards with a TD against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game and he also ran for a 12-yard TD.

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)...	2	2	0	1.000	9	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (So.)...	361	236	7	.654	2968	20	80	42	-124	-3.0	1	34
2014 (Jr.)...	452	315	5	.697	3826	39	87	55	-152	-2.8	2	13
2015 (Sr.)...	414	280	6	.676	3315	28	83	56	-132	-2.4	4	21
CAREER...	1229	833	18	.678	10118	87	87	153	-408	-2.7	7	34

	P	YDS	AVG	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Jr.)...	7	231	33.0	47	0	0/0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)...	0	0	0.0	0	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	7	231	33.0	47	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CODY KESSLER

2015

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	26	19	0	.731	240	4	61
Idaho*	31	26	0	.839	410	3	50
Stanford*	32	25	0	.781	272	3	54
Arizona St.*	33	19	1	.576	375	5	80
Washington*	29	16	2	.552	156	0	26
Notre Dame*	46	30	2	.536	365	2	83
Utah*	28	21	0	.750	264	1	29
California*	22	18	0	.818	186	0	26
Arizona*	36	22	0	.639	243	2	72
Colorado*	27	17	1	.630	204	3	36
Oregon*	41	30	0	.732	238	2	27
UCLA*	26	15	0	.577	175	2	34
Stanford(P12)*	37	22	0	.595	187	1	22
2015 (Sr.)	414	280	6	.676	3315	28	83

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USC CAREER PASSING LEADERS
(Based on Number of Completions – Includes Bowl Games)

		PA	PC	INT	YDS	PCT	TD
1.	Matt Barkley	1562	1001	48	12327	.641	116
2.	Carson Palmer	1569	927	49	11818	.591	72
3.	**Cody Kessler**	**1229**	**833**	**18**	**10118**	**.678**	**87**

USC CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS
(Includes Bowl Games)

		PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL
1.	Matt Barkley	1694	-113	12327	12214
2.	Carson Palmer	1824	-197	11818	11621
3.	Matt Leinart	1477	-70	10693	10623
4.	**Cody Kessler**	**1382**	**-408**	**10118**	**9710**

(14) ISAIAH LANGLEY
Cornerback, 6-0, 165, Fr./Fr., Hayward, Calif. (Foothill HS)

2015: Langley served as a backup cornerback as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 10 games (all but Arkansas State, Idaho and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game), he had 9 tackles and a deflection. He had 3 tackles against Colorado and UCLA (with a deflection), 2 versus Arizona State and 1 at Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ISAIAH LANGLEY

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	1	0
Colorado	3	0/0	0	0
UCLA	3	0/0	0	0
2015 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	1	0

(50) TOA LOBENDAHN
Offensive Guard-Center-Offensive Tackle, 6-3, 290, So./So., La Habra, CA (La Habra HS)

CAREER: He has 20 career starts (8 at left guard, 5 at left tackle, 5 at right guard, 2 at center).

2015: Lobendahn returned as a starting offensive lineman as a sophomore in 2015 before getting hurt, starting the first 5 games at right guard and the next 2 at center. He tore knee ligaments early in the Utah contest and had surgery, sidelining him for the rest of 2015.

(23) JONATHAN LOCKETT
Cornerback, 5-11, 180, So./So., Bellflower, CA (Mater Dei HS)

CAREER: He has 23 tackles and a deflection in his career. He has 2 career starts.

2015: Lockett was a backup cornerback as a sophomore in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 11 games (all but Arizona and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game) and starting twice (Idaho and California), he had 18 tackles. He had 4 tackles versus Utah, 3 against Arkansas State, Arizona State and California, 2 at Colorado and 1 against Idaho, Stanford and UCLA. A hip injury sidelined him for the Arizona game and a leg injury kept him out versus Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	5	0/0	1	0
2015 (So.)...	18	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	23	0/0	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JONATHAN LOCKETT

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	3	0/0	0	0
Idaho*	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	3	0/0	0	0
Utah	4	0/0	0	0
California*	3	0/0	0	0
Colorado	2	0/0	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	18	0/0	0	0

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(23) TRE MADDEN
Tailback, 6-1, 225, Sr.*/Sr., Aliso Viejo, CA (Mission Viejo HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 1,155 yards on 223 carries (5.2 avg) with 8 TDs, plus 32 receptions for 334 yards (10.4 avg) with 5 TDs. He has 6 100-yard rushing games in his career (including the 2013 and 2015 openers). He also has 14 career tackles. He has 13 career starts (12 at tailback, 1 at linebacker).

2015: The hard-charging Madden, who missed 2 of the previous 3 years with injuries, started the first half of his 2015 senior season then played often as a backup. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 10 games (all but Utah, Colorado and Oregon) and starting the first 6 contests, he had 452 yards on 85 carries (5.3 avg) with 5 TDs and 17 receptions for 133 yards (7.8 avg) with 1 TD. He hurt his knee at Notre Dame (sidelining him against Utah) and prior to the Colorado game (forcing him out at Colorado and Oregon). He won **USC's Trojan Commitment Award and Lifter's Award**. He is an **invitee to the 2015 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl**.

He ran for 102 yards on 12 carries (8.5 avg) with a career-long 65-yard TD run and added 2 catches for 15 yards (with an 8-yard TD) against Arkansas State. He had 40 yards on 7 carries with 2 short TDs and had a 30-yard reception against Idaho. He rushed for 64 yards with a short TD on 9 carries and had 3 catches for 1 yards against Stanford. He had 7 yards on 9 rushes and caught a 15-yard pass at Arizona State. He had 120 yards on 17 carries and a 5-yard reception against Washington. He had 23 yards on 9 rushes and caught 6 passes for 47 yards at Notre Dame. He had 62 yards on 14 tries with a 2-yard score at California. He had 32 yards on 7 carries and 2 catches for 15 yards against UCLA. He had a 2-yard rush and a 5-yard reception against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (So.)...	138	703	5.1	3	34	15	201	13.4	4	63
2015 (Sr.)...	85	452	5.3	5	65	17	133	7.8	1	30
CAREER.....	223	1155	5.2	8	65	32	334	10.4	5	63

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2011 (Fr.)...	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	15	1/1	0	0
2013 (So.)...	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0	15	1/1	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH TRE MADDEN

2015

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	12	102	8.5	1	65	2	15	7.5	1	8
Idaho*	7	40	5.7	2	9	1	30	30.0	0	30
Stanford*	9	64	7.1	1	30	3	1	0.3	0	3
Arizona St.*	9	7	0.8	0	7	1	15	15.0	0	15
Washington*	17	120	7.1	0	19	1	5	5.0	0	5
Notre Dame*	9	23	2.6	0	10	6	47	7.8	0	17
California	14	62	4.4	1	14	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	7	32	4.6	0	18	2	15	7.5	0	9
Stanford(P12)	1	2	2.0	0	2	1	5	5.0	0	5
2015 (Sr.)...	85	452	5.3	5	65	17	133	7.8	1	30

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(51) DAMIEN MAMA
Offensive Guard, 6-4, 355, So./So., Moreno Valley, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

CAREER: He has 16 career starts

2015: Mama started 12 times (all but UCLA) at left offensive guard as a sophomore in 2015 and he appeared in all 13 games. He had 1 tackle in 2015. He made **2015 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0

(8) IMAN MARSHALL
Cornerback, 6-2, 200, Fr./Fr., Long Beach, CA (Long Beach Poly HS)

2015: Marshall started USC's final 11 games at cornerback (and appeared in all 13) as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015, he had 60 tackles (fourth on USC), a team-best 3 interceptions and 7 deflections. He was a **2015 USA Today and Sporting News Freshman All-American first teamer**.

He had 6 tackles and 2 deflections against Arkansas State, a tackle against Idaho and 7 tackles against Stanford while making his first start. He had 3 tackles at Arizona State, 2 tackles and an interception (to set up a USC field goal) against Washington and 5 tackles at Notre Dame. He had 8 tackles against Utah, 4stops at California and 6 tackles and 2 deflections against Arizona. He had 6 tackles at Colorado and 4 tackles and a deflection at Oregon. He had 4 tackles, 2 interceptions and 2 deflections against UCLA to earn **Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week and CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week**. He had 4 tackles against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	60	0/0	7	0	3	15	5.0	0	8

GAME-BY-GAME WITH IMAN MARSHALL

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.	6	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Idaho	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	7	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	2	0/0	0	0	1	7	7.0	0	7
Notre Dame*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	8	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	6	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	4	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	4	0/0	2	0	2	8	4.0	0	8
Stanford(P12)*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Fr.)...	60	0/0	7	0	3	15	5.0	0	8

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(58) OSA MASINA
Inside Linebacker, 6-4, 245, Fr./Fr., Salt Lake City, UT (Brighton HS)

2015: Masina was a backup inside linebacker as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 11 games (all but UCLA and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championsip Game), he had 25 tackles, including 1.5 for losses of 4 yards, and he returned a recovered fumble for a TD. In the Arkansas State opener, he had 4 tackles (1 for a loss) and picked up an errant lateral and raced 46 yards for a TD. He had 5 tackles versus Washington and Notre Dame (0.5 for a loss), 4 against Arizona State, 3 versus Idaho and 1 against Stanford, Utah, Arizona and Oregon. He strained his hamstring at Oregon and was sidelined versus UCLA and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championsip Game

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	25	1.5/4	0	1#

#Includes 1 returned for TD

GAME-BY-GAME WITH OSA MASINA

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	4	1/3	0	1#
Idaho	3	0/0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	4	0/0	0	0
Washington	5	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	5	0.5/1	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (Fr.)...	25	1.5/4	0	1#

#Includes 1 returned for TD

(48) TAYLOR McNAMARA
Tight End, 6-5, 245, Jr.*/Sr., San Diego, CA (Westview HS/Oklahoma)

CAREER: In his 4-year college career at Oklahoma and USC, he has 11 receptions for 66 yards (6.0 avg) with 4 TDs and a 10-yard kickoff return while starting 14 games.

2015: McNamara, who transferred to USC in the fall of 2015 after receiving his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma (he was eligible to play at USC in 2015), started all season at tight end as a junior. He was awarded a scholarship by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year). Overall in 2015 while starting all 13 games, he had 10 catches for 62 yards (6.2 avg) with 4 TDs.

He caught a 2-yard TD pass against Arkansas State, a 16-yard pass against Idaho and a 2-yard pass against Stanford. He had a 4-yard TD reception at Notre Dame. He caught a 7-yard pass at California and had a 6-yard catch against Arizona. He had a 2-yard TD reception at Colorado and a 9-yard catch at Oregon. He had a 10-yard kickoff return against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)#...	1	4	4.0	0	4	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)##...	10	62	6.2	4	16	1	10	10.0	0	10
COMBINED...	11	66	6.0	4	16	1	10	10.0	0	10

#At Oklahoma
##At USC

GAME-BY-GAME WITH TAYLOR McNAMARA

2015##

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	1	2	2.0	1	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Idaho*	1	16	16.0	0	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	1	2	2.0	0	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	1	4	4.0	1	4	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	1	7	7.0	0	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	1	6	6.0	0	6	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	1	2	2.0	1	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	1	9	9.0	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	2	14	7.0	1	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	10	10.0	0	10
2015 (Jr.)##...	10	62	6.2	4	16	1	10	10.0	0	10

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##At USC

(22) LEON McQUAY III
Safety, 6-1, 190, Jr./Jr., Seffner, FL (Armwood HS)

CAREER: He has 73 tackles (2 for a loss), 11 deflections, 2 forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and 3 interceptions in his career. He has 12 career starts.

2015: McQuay was an often-used backup strong safety as a junior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in USC's first 8 games (he started against Utah and California), he had 18 tackles, including 1.5 for losses of 3 yards, 3 deflections, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. He hurt his knee prior to the Arizona game and missed 3 games (Arizona, Colorado, Oregon).

He had 2 tackles and a deflection against Arkansas State, 3 tackles and a forced fumble against Idaho, a tackle against Stanford, 2 tackles at Arizona State, a tackle and a deflection versus Washington, 2 tackles (0.5 for loss) at Notre Dame and 2 tackles, 5 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection against Utah and 2 tackles and a fumble recovery at California.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	19	0/0	4	0	1	2	2.0	0	2
2014 (So.)...	36	0.5/1	4	1	2	22	11.0	0	22
2015 (Jr.)...	18	1.5/3	3	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	73	2/4	11	2	3	24	8.0	0	22

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	1	3	3.0	0	3

GAME-BY-GAME WITH LEON McQUAY III

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	2	0/0	1	0
Idaho	3	0/0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0
Washington	1	0/0	1	0
Notre Dame	2	0.5/1	0	0
Utah*	5	1/2	1	0
California*	2	0/0	0	1
2015 (Jr.)...	18	1.5/3	3	1

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(7) STEVEN MITCHELL JR.
Wide Receiver, 5-10, 190, So.*/Jr., Pasadena, CA
(Bishop Alemany HS)

CAREER: He has 42 receptions for 390 yards (9.3 avg) with 6 TDs in his career. He has 8 career starts.

2015: The fleet Mitchell was an often-employed wide receiver as a sophomore in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 11 games (all but Notre Dame and Utah) and starting 6 times (Arkansas State, Idaho, Arizona State, Washington, Oregon, Stanford), he had 35 receptions for 308 yards (8.8 avg) with 4 TDs and he returned a punt for 1 yard (1.0 avg). He sprained his ankle against Washington and missed the Notre Dame and Utah games.

He had 4 catches for 28 yards with a 14-yard score against Arkanas State, 2 grabs for 16 yards and a 1-yard punt return against Idaho and 3 catches for 12 yards with a pair of short TDs against Stanford. He had 4 catches for 66 yards with a 27-yard TD against Arizona State and 2 catches for 3 yards against Washington. He had 2 catches for 11 yards at California, 4 receptions for 22 yards against Arizona and 3 grabs for 59 yards at Colorado. He had a game-best and career-high 7 receptions for 31 yards at Oregon. He had a 17-yard reception against UCLA and 3 catches for 39 yards against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)…	7	82	11.7	2	24	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)…	35	308	8.8	4	28	1	1	1.0	0	1
CAREER…….	42	390	9.3	6	38	1	1	1.0	0	1

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)…	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH STEVEN MITCHELL JR.

2015

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	4	32	8.0	1	14	0	0	0.0	0	0
Idaho*	2	16	8.0	0	15	1	1	1.0	0	1
Stanford	3	12	4.0	2	6	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	4	66	16.5	1	27	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	2	3	1.5	0	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	2	11	5.5	0	6	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	4	22	5.5	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado	3	59	19.7	0	28	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	7	31	4.4	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	1	17	17.0	0	17	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	3	39	13.0	0	22	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)…	35	308	8.8	4	28	1	1	1.0	0	0

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(42) UCHENNA NWOSU
Outside Linebacker, 6-3, 210, So./So., Carson, CA (Narbonne HS)

CAREER: He has 38 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection in his career. He has 1 career start.

2015: Nwosu was a backup outside linebacker and played on special teams as a sophomore in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games (he started versus Arizona), he had 29 tackles, including 1 for a loss of 1 yard, and a deflection. He had 4 tackles and a deflection against Arkansas State, 1 each versus Stanford and Arizona State, 2 agianst Washington, 3 at California, 1 against Arizona, 3 at Oregon, a team-best 6 versus UCLA and 8 (1 for a loss) against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)…	9	0/0	0	0
2015 (So.)…	29	1/1	1	0
CAREER…….	38	1/1	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH UCHENNA NWOSU

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	4	0/0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	1	0
Washington	2	0/0	0	0
California	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona*	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	3	0/0	0	0
UCLA	6	0/0	0	0
Stanford(P12)	8	1/1	0	0
2015 (So.)…	29	1/1	1	0

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(90) CLAUDE PELON
Defensive End, 6-4, 300, Sr.*/Sr., Orlando, FL
(Agape Christian Academy/Mesa CC)

CAREER: He has 41 tackles in his career, including 8.5 for losses (with 4 sacks), plus 2 deflections, a blocked field goal and a blocked PAT. He has 4 career starts.

2015: Pelon, who was moved in the spring of 2015 from defensive tackle to end, was a backup as a senior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 9 games (all but Arkansas State, Notre Dame, Utah, California) and starting versus Arizona State (at nose tackle), he had 22 tackles, including 2.5 for loss of 13 yards (with 1.5 sacks for minus 12 yards), plus a forced fumble and a blocked PAT. He had 1 tackle against both Idaho (with a blocked PAT) and Stanford, then 4 against both Arizona State (1 for a loss) and Arizona (0.5 sack) and 3 at Colorado. He had a tackle at Oregon, 2 tackles (with a sack that forced a fumble, wich USC returned for a touchdown) against UCLA and 6 tackles against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game. He has arthroscopic surgery on his knee in 2015 fall camp and sat out the Arkansas State opener. He sprained his left knee versus Washington and missed the next 3 games (Notre Dame, Utah, California).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Jr.)…	19	6/16	3#	0
2015 (Sr.)…	22	2.5/13	1##	0
CAREER…….	41	8.5/29	4###	0

#Includes 1 blocked field goal
##Includes 1 blocked PAT
###Includes 1 blocked field goal and 1 blocked PAT

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CLAUDE PELON

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Idaho	1	0/0	1##	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	4	1/1	0	0
Arizona	4	0.5/2	0	0
Colorado	3	0/0	0	0
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	2	1/10	0	0
Stanford(P12)	6	0/0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)…	22	2.5/13	1##	0

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#Includes 1 blocked field goal
##Includes 1 blocked PAT
###Includes 1 blocked field goal and 1 blocked PAT

(82) TYLER PETITE
Tight End, 6-6, 235, Fr./Fr., Lafayette, CA (Campolindo HS)

2015: Petite was an often-used backup tight end as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games (he started versus Arizona), he had 13 catches for 119 yards (9.2 avg) with 1 TD. He had a 5-yard reception versus Arkansas State, a 6-yard catch against Idaho, 3 catches for 19 yards at Arizona State, 3 grabs for 26 yards at Notre Dame, an 18-yard reception versus Utah, an 18-yard catch against Arizona, a 9-yard catch at Colorado and 2 grabs for 18 yards (with a 12-yard TD) at Oregon.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)…	13	119	9.2	1	18

GAME-BY-GAME WITH TYLER PETITE

2015

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.	1	5	5.0	0	5
Idaho	1	6	6.0	0	6
Arizona St.	3	19	6.3	0	12
Notre Dame	3	26	8.7	0	17
Utah	1	18	18.0	0	18
Arizona*	1	18	18.0	0	18
Colorado	1	9	9.0	0	9
Oregon	2	18	9.0	1	12
2015 (Fr.)…	13	119	9.2	1	18

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(38) JAHLEEL PINNER
Fullback, 5-11, 240, Sr./Sr., Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
(Mission Viejo HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 12 receptions for 58 yards (4.8 avg) with 2 TDs, 2 carries for 6 yards (3.0 avg), 1 kickoff returns for 5 yards (2.5 avg) and 3 tackles. He has 9 career starts.

2015: Pinner saw significant action at fullback and on special teams as a senior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games (he started 3 times, versus Stanford, Notre Dame and Colorado), he had 4 catches for 22 yards (5.5 avg) with 2 TDs and a 4-yard kickoff return. He won **USC's Trojan Commitment Award**.

He caught 2 passes for 17 yards against Idaho. He caught a 4-yard TD pass at Colorado. He had a 4-yard kickoff return at Oregon. He had a 1-yard TD reception against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (So.)...	7	33	4.7	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	1	3	3.0	0	3	2	6	3.0	0	4
2015 (Sr.)...	4	22	5.5	2	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	12	58	4.8	2	11	2	6	3.0	0	4

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (So.)...	0	0/0	0	0	1	1	1.0	0	1
2014 (Jr.)...	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)...	0	0/0	0	0	1	4	4.0	0	4
CAREER.....	3	0/0	0	0	2	5	2.5	0	4

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JAHLEEL PINNER

2015

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Idaho	2	17	8.5	0	9
Colorado*	1	4	4.0	1	4
Stanford(P12)	1	1	1.0	1	1
2015 (Sr.)...	4	22	5.5	2	9

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(24) JOHN PLATTENBURG
Safety, 5-11, 185, So./So., Houston, TX (Lamar HS)

CAREER: He has 64 tackles (4.5 for losses), 4 deflections and 2 interceptions in his career. He has 14 career starts.

2015: Plattenburg started for half of his 2015 sophomore season at strong safety. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 12 games (all but Utah, when he was sick) and starting 8 times (USC's first 6 contests, plus Colorado and Oregon), he had 32 tackles, including 3.5 for losses of 21 yards (with a 10-yard sack), and 2 interceptions. He won **USC's Community Service Award**.

He had 5 tackles (1 for a loss) against Arkansas State, 2 tackles (1 for a loss) against Idaho, 4 tackles versus Stanford, an interception at Arizona State and a tackle against Washington, Notre Dame and California. He had a team-best 8 tackles (0.5 for loss) and returned an interception 22 yards against Arizona, then had 6 tackles (with a sack) at Colorado. He had 3 tackles at Oregon and 1 stop against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	32	1/4	4	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	32	3.5/21	0	0	2	22	11.0	0	22
CAREER.....	64	4.5/25	4	0	2	22	11.0	0	22

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JOHN PLATTENBURG

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	5	1/6	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Idaho*	2	1/2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	0	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	8	0.5/3	0	0	1	22	22.0	0	22
Colorado*	6	1/10	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford(P12)	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	32	3.5/21	0	0	2	22	11.0	0	22

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(18) QUINTON POWELL
Outside Linebacker, 6-2, 205, Jr./Jr., Deltona, FL (Mainland HS)

CAREER: He has 44 tackles (4 for losses, with 2 sacks) in his career.

2015: Powell was a backup outside linebacker and played on special teams as a junior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 12 games (all but Arkansas State), he had 11 tackles and a forced fumble. He had 4 tackles against Idaho, 2 at Arizona Stat (with a forced fumble that USC recovered) and 1 each against Stanford, California, Arizona, Oregon and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)...	20	2/7	0	0
2014 (So.)...	13	2/4	0	0
2015 (Jr.)...	11	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	44	4/11	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH QUINTON POWELL

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Idaho	4	0/0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	0/0	0	0
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford(P12)	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)...	11	0/0	0	0

(89) CHRISTIAN RECTOR
Defensive End, 6-5, 260, Fr./Fr., South Pasadena, CA (Loyola HS)

2015: Rector redshirted as a first-year freshman defensive end in 2015.

(62) KHALIEL RODGERS
Offensive Guard-Center, 6-3, 305, So.*/Jr., New Castle, DE (Eastern Christian Academy)

CAREER: He has 8 career starts (5 at center, 3 at offensive guard).

2015: The experienced Rodgers served as a backup center for the first half of his 2015 sophomore season before becoming the starter for 5 games (California, Arizona, Colorado, Oregon and UCLA). Overall in 2015, he appeared in 10 games (all but Stanford, Washington and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game). He was called into action early in the Utah game when starter Toa Lobendahn went out with a season-ending knee injury and performed without a hitch. He sprained his right ankle against UCLA and was sidelined against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

(1) DARREUS ROGERS
Wide Receiver, 6-1, 215, Jr./Jr., Compton, CA (Carson HS)

CAREER: He has 69 catches for 766 yards (11.1 avg) with 6 TDs in his career, plus 2 punt returns for 10 yards (5.0 avg), an 11-yard kickoff return, a 5-yard run and 2 tackles. He has 13 career starts.

2015: The sure-handed Rogers started at wide receiver as a junior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 11 games (all but Washington and Utah) and starting 10 times (all but Washington, Notre Dame and Utah), he had 26 catches for 264 yards (10.2 avg) with 2 TDs. He strained his hamstring versus Arizona State and missed the Washington game, then re-strained it at Notre Dame and sat out versus Utah.

He has 2 catches for 24 yards against Arkansas State, a 12-yard reception versus Idaho and 4 catches for 44 yards against Stanford. He had 4 grabs for 34 yards at Notre Dame and 3 for 16 yards at California. He had a 14-yard catch at Colorado, 5 catches for 53 yards at Oregon with a 27-yard TD , 2 receptions for 32 yards (with a stretched-out 20-yard TD) against UCLA and 4 catches for 35 yards against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	22	257	11.7	0	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	21	245	11.7	4	48	1	5	5.0	0	5
2015 (Jr.)...	26	264	10.2	2	27	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER...	69	766	11.1	6	48	1	5	5.0	0	5

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	1	5	5.0	0	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	1	5	5.0	0	5	1	11	11.0	0	11
CAREER.....	2	10	5.0	0	5	1	11	11.0	0	11

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DARREUS ROGERS

2015

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	2	24	12.0	0	15
Idaho*	1	12	12.0	0	12
Stanford*	4	44	11.0	0	21
Notre Dame	4	34	8.5	0	15
California*	3	16	5.3	0	10
Colorado*	1	14	14.0	0	14
Oregon*	5	53	10.6	1	27
UCLA*	2	32	16.0	1	20
Stanford(P12)*	4	35	8.8	0	11
2015 (Jr.)...	26	264	10.2	2	27

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(30) YKILI ROSS
Safety, 6-2, 185, Fr./Fr., Riverside, CA (Riverside Poly HS)

2015: Ross redshirted as a first-year freshman safety in 2015. A right shoulder injury sidelined him for the Arkansas State opener.

(40) JABARI RUFFIN
Outside Linebacker, 6-3, 245, Jr.*/Sr., Downey, CA (Downey HS)

CAREER: He has 33 tackles (with a sack) and 2 forced fumbles in his career, plus 2 kickoff returns for 21 yards (10.5 avg). He has 1 career start.

2015: Ruffin served as a backup outside linebacker and played on special teams as a junior in 2015. Overall in 2013 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 11 tackles and a forced fumble and he also returned 2 short kickoffs for 21 yards (10.5 avg). He had 4 tackles and a forced fumble against Arkansas State, 2 stops against Arizona and UCLA and 1 stop each against Idaho, California and Oregon. His kickoff returns came at Colorado (18 yards) and versus Utah (3 yards).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)…	22	1/8	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)…	11	0/0	0	0	2	21	10.5	0	18
CAREER.....	33	1/8	0	0	2	21	10.5	0	18

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JABARI RUFFIN

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Idaho	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah	0	0/0	0	0	1	3	3.0	0	3
California	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado	0	0/0	0	0	1	18	18.0	0	18
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)…	11	0/0	0	0	2	21	10.5	0	18

(56) ANTHONY SARAO
Inside Linebacker, 6-0, 235, Sr.*/Sr., Atlantic City, NJ (Holy Spirit HS)

CAREER: He has 212 tackles, including 12.5 for losses (with 7 sacks), with 2 fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, 5 deflections and 2 interceptions (with a TD) in his career. He has 33 career starts.

2015: The steady Sarao returned for his third year as a starting inside linebacker as a senior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games and starting 12 times (all but California), he had 54 tackles, including 5 for losses of 14 yards (with 3 sacks for minus 14 yards). He was a **USC captain**. He missed 2015 spring practice with a fractured foot.

He had 2 tackles against Arkansas State, 5 tackles against Idaho, 6 tackles (with a sack) against Stanford, a tackle for a loss at Arizona State, 2 tackles against Washington and 1 tackle at Notre Dame. He made 8 tackles against Utah, a tackle for a loss at California, 6 tackles against Arizona, 7 tackles (with a sack) at Colorado, 4 tackles (with a sack) at Oregon, 3 tackles against UCLA and 9 tackles against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)…	40	4/38	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (So.)…	44	2.5/9	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)…	74	1/7	3	0	2	25	12.5	1	17
2015 (Sr.)…	54	5/18	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	212	12.5/72	5	2	2	25	12.5	1	17

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ANTHONY SARAO

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.*	2	0/0	0	0
Idaho*	5	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	1	1/6	0	0
Arizona St.*	6	1/2	0	0
Washington*	2	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	1	0/0	0	0
Utah*	8	0/0	0	0
California	1	1/2	0	0
Arizona*	5	0/0	0	0
Colorado*	7	1/5	0	0
Oregon*	4	1/3	0	0
UCLA*	3	0/0	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	9	0/0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)…	54	5/18	0	0

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(53) KEVIN SCOTT
Defensive End-Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 315, Fr./Fr., Duarte, CA (Salesian HS)

2015: He redshirted as a first-year freshman defense end and tackle in 2015. He sprained his right ankle prior to the Stanford game and was sidelined for the Stanford and Arizona State games.

(13) KEVON SEYMOUR
Cornerback, 6-0, 185, Sr./Sr., Pasadena, CA (Muir HS)

CAREER: He has 126 tackles (4 for a loss), 19 deflections, 1 fumble recovery and 3 interceptions in his career, along with 7 kickoff returns for 92 yards (13.1 avg). He has 24 career starts.

2015: Seymour, the veteran in USC's secondary, played often at cornerback as a senior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 11 games (all but Stanford and Arizona State) and starting 4 times (Arkansas State, Utah, Arizona, UCLA), he had 24 tackles (1 for a loss of 1 yard) and an interception. He sprained his knee against Idaho and sat out versus Stanford and Arizona State. He had 4 tackles against Arizona, UCLA and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game, 3 versus Arkansas State and Idaho (with 1 for a loss), 2 against Utah and 1 each versus Washington, California (with an interception), Colorado and Oregon. He is an **invitee to the 2015 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl**.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)…	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (So.)…	48	2/3	6	0	1	17	17.0	0	17
2014 (Jr.)…	49	1/5	13	1	1	23	23.0	0	23
2015 (Sr.)…	24	1/1	0	0	1	27	27.0	0	27
CAREER.....	126	4/9	19	1	3	67	22.3	0	27

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (So.)…	7	92	13.1	0	33

GAME-BY-GAME WITH KEVON SEYMOUR

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Idaho	3	1/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0	1	27	27.0	0	27
Arizona	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford(P12)	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)…	24	1/1	0	0	1	27	27.0	0	27

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(52) DELVON SIMMONS
Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 295, Sr.*/Sr., McKeesport, PA (McKeesport HS/Texas Tech)

CAREER: In his 4-year college career at Texas Tech and USC, he has 130 tackles (including 18.5 for losses, with 8 sacks), 4 deflections, 2 forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and 2 blocked field goals with 36 starts. At USC only, he has 90 tackles, including 11 for losses (with 5 sacks), plus 2 deflections, 2 forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and 2 blocked field goals with 23 starts.

2015: Simmons, who has started at both USC and Texas Tech, started all season at defensive tackle as a senior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while starting all 13 games, he had 46 tackles, including 8.5 for losses of 48 yards (with 4 sacks for minus 33 yards), plus 2 forced fumbles, a deflection and a blocked field goal. He made the **2015 All-Pac-12 second team**. He won **USC's Defensive Lineman of the Year Award**.

He had a tackle against Arkansas State, 5 tackles against Idaho, 4 tackles against Stanford and 4 tackles (1 for a loss) and forced a fumble that USC recovered at Arizona State. He had 8 tackles against Washington, 4 tackles with a sack at Notre Dame and 4 tackles (with 2 sacks) and a deflection against Utah. He had 5 tackles (1 for a loss) at California and 6 tackles (0.5 for loss) at California. At Colorado, both of his tackles were for losses (with a sack) and he also a forced a fumble (recovered by USC to set up a TD) and blocked a field goal (to set up a USC TD). He had 2 tackles (1 for a loss) against UCLA and 1 tackle against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2011 (Fr.)#…	13	1.5/8	0	0
2012 (So.)#…	27	6/16	2	0
2014 (Jr.)##…	44	2.5/7	2###	1
2015 (Sr.)##...	46	8.5/48	2###	0
TT CAREER#	40	7.5/24	2	0
USC CAREER##	90	11/55	4####	1
COMBINED	130	18.5/79	6####	1

#At Texas Tech ##At USC
###Includes 1 blocked field goal ####Includes 2 blocked field goals

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DELVON SIMMONS

2015##

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.*	1	0/0	0	0
Idaho*	5	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	4	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	4	1/3	0	0
Washington*	8	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	4	1/9	0	0
Utah*	4	2/17	1	0
California*	5	1/7	0	0
Arizona*	6	0.5/0	0	0
Colorado*	2	2/10	1###	0
UCLA*	2	1/2	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)##...	46	8.5/48	2###	0

*Starter
##At USC
###Includes 1 blocked field goal

(68) JORDAN SIMMONS
Defensive Tackle-Offensive Guard, 6-4, 325, Jr.*/Sr., Inglewood, CA (Crespi HS)

2015: Simmons, a junior in 2015 who was switched from offensive guard to defensive tackle in 2015 fall camp, sat out USC's first 8 games after spraining his knee in 2015 fall camp and did not see any action in 2015 when he returned healthy. He has battled knee injuries every year at USC.

(35) CAMERON SMITH
Inside Linebacker, 6-2, 245, Fr./Fr., Roseville, CA (Granite Bay HS)

2015: Smith, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2015 after graduating a semester early from high school, started at inside linebacker as a first-year freshman in 2015 until suffering a late-season knee injury. Overall in 2015 while appearing in USC's first 10 games (and starting all but California), he had 78 tackles, including a 9-yard sack, plus 3 deflections, a fumble recovery and 3 interceptions (1 for a TD). He tore knee ligaments against Colorado and had season-ending surgery. Before getting hurt, he was leading USC in tackles and interceptions and was on pace to be the first true freshman to top the Trojans in tackles in a season since records were first kept in 1954.

He was a **2015 USA Today, Sporting News and 247Sports Freshman All-American first teamer**. He made **2015 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**, as well as **Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year** (the fourth Trojan in the past 5 years to be so honored). He also won **USC's John McKay Award** (underclassman with the most competitive spirit).

He had a team-high 7 tackles along with a deflection against Arkansas State and became the first USC true freshman to start an opener at inside linebacker since Riki Gray (Ellison) did so in 1978 against Texas Tech. He had a team-best 6 tackles against Idaho, 12 tackles against Stanford and 5 tackles (with a sack) at Arizona State. He had a game-high 12 tackles against Washington and a team-best 11 tackles and recovered a fumble in the end zone at Notre Dame. He had 3 interceptions against Utah, including a 54-yard scoring runback that broke open the game right before halftime, a 41-yarder to set up USC's game-tying TD early in the second quarter and a 27-yarder in the fourth quarter (it was the most picks by a Trojan in a game since Jason Oliver's 3 in 1991 versus Penn State) to go along with his team-best 9 tackles to earn **Chuck Bednarik Award Player of the Week, FWAA AutoNation National Defensive Player of the Week, Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week and CollegeSportsMadness.com National and Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week** honors. He had 4 tackles and a deflection at California, 6 tackles against Arizona and 6 stops at Colorado before getting hurt.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)...	78	1/9	3	1	3	122	40.7	1	54

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CAMERON SMITH

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	7	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Idaho*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	12	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	5	1/9	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	12	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	11	0/0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	9	0/0	0	0	3	122	40.7	1	54
California	4	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Fr.)...	78	1/9	3	1	3	122	40.7	1	54

*Starter

(66) COLE SMITH
Center, 6-4, 280, Fr./Fr., Mission Viejo, CA (Mission Viejo HS)

2015: Smith redshirted as a first-year freshman center in 2015.

(92) ZACH SMITH
Snapper, 6-1, 220, Jr./Jr., Redwood City, CA (Menlo School)

CAREER: He has 2 tackles in his career.

2015: Smith, a one-time walk-on who received a scholarship in the fall of 2015, spent his third year as USC's snapper on all punts and placekicks as a walk-on junior in 2015, performing with a hitch.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (So.)...	2	0/0	0	0

(9) JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER
Wide Receiver, 6-2, 215, So./So., Long Beach, CA (Poly HS)

CAREER: He has 139 catches for 2,113 yards (15.2 avg) with 15 TDs in his career, along with 15 kickoff returns for 183 yards (12.2 avg), 3 carries for 7 yards (2.3 avg) and 6 tackles. His 139 career catches is 13th on USC's all-time list. He has 8 100-yard receiving games in his career (6 times in 2015, including the first 3 games). He has 25 career starts.

2015: Smith-Schuster, the latest in a long line of stellar USC wide receivers, started again as a sophomore in 2015 and was among the nation's finest pass catchers. Overall in 2015 while starting all 13 games, he has 85 catches for 1,389 yards (16.3 avg) with 10 TDs (all team bests), plus 4 kickoff returns for 51 yards (12.8 avg), a 4-yard rush and 1 tackle. He currently is seventh nationally in receiving yards (106.8, first in Pac-12), 14th in receiving TDs (10, third in Pac-12) and 19th in receptions (6.5, third in Pac-12). His 85 catches in 2015 is eighth on USC's season list and his 1,389 receiving yards (the fourth most in a season at USC) is the 17th time a Trojan has eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark. He has 6 100-yard receiving games in 2015 (including the first 3 games). He broke his right hand against California and had surgery 2 days later to insert a plate with 8 screws, but he did not miss any playing time (he played the next few games with a soft cast).

He was among **5 finalists for the 2015 Polynesian Player of the Year Award** and was among **10 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award**. He made the **2015 AP, Football Writers, Sporting News, SI.com and Phil Steele All-American second teams**. He won **USC's Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year Award.** He made the **2015 All-Pac-12 first team**.

He had 4 catches for 89 yards, with a career-long 61-yard TD, and he made a tackle against Arkanas State. He had 10 catches for 192 yards (both career highs) with a pair of TDs (50 and 41 yards) against Idaho. He had 8 catches for 153 yards (both game highs) with a 54-yard TD against Stanford. He had 5 receptions for 103 yards, with a pair of TDs (4 and 10 yards), and he caught a 52-yard pass on the game's opening play at Arizona State. He had 6 catches for 82 yards against Washington. He had 6 catches for 139 yards, with a 75-yard TD, and he returned 2 kickoffs for 36 yards at Notre Dame. He had 8 catches for 143 yards (both game highs) with a 25-yard TD and he had a 9-yard kickoff return against Utah. He caught 5 passes for 55 yards and returned a kickoff for 6 yards at California before hurting his hand and sitting out most of the second half. He had a team-high 8 catches for 138 yards, with a 72-yard TD, against Arizona despite having had surgery on Monday of game week for a broken right hand (a plate with 8 screws was inserted into his hand and he wore a soft cast in the game). He had 3 catches for 66 yards, including a 36-yard TD, at Colorado. He had 5 receptions for 57 yards at Oregon. He had a game-best 6 catches for 85 yards against UCLA. He had a game-high and career-best 11 receptions for 87 yards against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	54	724	13.4	5	53	2	3	1.5	0	2
2015 (So.)...	85	1389	16.3	10	75	1	4	4.0	0	4
CAREER.....	139	2113	15.2	15	75	3	7	2.3	0	4

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	11	132	12.0	0	22	5	0/0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	4	51	12.8	0	27	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	15	183	12.2	0	27	6	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER

2015

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.*	4	89	22.5	1	61	0	0	0.0	0	0
Idaho*	10	192	19.2	2	50	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	8	153	19.2	1	54	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	5	103	20.6	2	52	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington*	6	82	13.7	0	26	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	6	139	23.2	1	75	2	36	18.0	0	27
Utah*	8	143	17.9	1	29	1	9	9.0	0	9
California*	5	55	11.0	0	18	1	6	6.0	0	6
Arizona*	8	138	17.3	1	72	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	3	66	22.0	1	36	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon*	5	57	11.4	0	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	6	85	14/2	0	34	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	11	87	7.9	0	19	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (So.)...	85	1389	16.3	10	75	4	51	12.8	0	27

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(19) CONNER SULLIVAN
Quarterback, 6-0, 195, Jr.*/Sr., Orange, CA (Orange Lutheran HS)

2015: Sullivan, a one-time walk-on who received a scholarship in the fall of 2015, was a reserve walk-on junior quarterback and once again was USC's holder on placekicks in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games, he had a rush for minus 4 yards.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Jr.)...	1	-4	-4.0	0	-4

(60) VIANE TALAMAIVAO
Offensive Guard, 6-2, 320, So./So., Moreno Valley, CA (Centennial HS)

CAREER: He has 18 career starts.

2015: Talamaivao started the second half of his 2015 sophomore season at right offensive guard in 2015 after performing impressively there as a starter in 2014. Overall in 2015, he appeared in all 13 games and started 7 times (Notre Dame, Utah, California, Arizona, Colorado, UCLA and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game. He sprained his knee against Colorado and missed the Oregon game.

(7) MARVELL TELL III
Safety, 6-2, 190, Fr./Fr., Pasadena, CA (Crespi HS)

2015: Tell was an often-used strong safety as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 9 games (all but California, Arizona, Colorado, Oregon) and starting once (versus Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game), he had 28 tackles, including 1 for a 2-yard loss, and 3 deflections. He broke his collarbone against Utah and missed the next 4 games (California, Arizona, Colorado, Oregon).

He had 7 tackles against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game, 6 at Arizona State, 3 against Arkansas State and Idaho, 2 versus Stanford, Washington (with a deflection), Notre Dame (with a deflection) and UCLA (with a deflection) and 1 against Utah.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2015 (Fr.)...	28	1/2	3	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MARVELL TELL III

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	3	0/0	0	0
Idaho	3	1/2	0	0
Stanford	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	6	0/0	0	0
Washington	2	0/0	1	0
Notre Dame	2	0/0	1	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	2	0/0	1	0
Stanford(P12)*	7	0/0	0	0
2015 (Fr.)...	28	1/2	3	0

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(98) CODY TEMPLE
Defensive Tackle, 6-2, 300, Sr.*/Sr., Bakersfield, CA (Liberty HS)

CAREER: He had 15 tackles (3 for losses, with 2 sacks) in his career.

2015: Temple was a backup nose tackle as a senior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 5 tackles. He had 2 stops at Arizona State and 1 each versus Idaho, Notre Dame and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game. He won **USC's Lifter's Award**.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Jr.)...	10	3/17	0	0
2015 (Sr.)...	5	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	15	3/17	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CODY TEMPLE

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Idaho	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford(P12)	1	0/0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)...	5	0/0	0	0

(36) CHRIS TILBEY
Punter, 6-5, 220, So./So., Melbourne, Australia (Sandringham HS/San Francisco CC)

2015: Tilbey, who has a background in Australian Rules Football, redshirted as a sophomore punter in 2015 after transferring to USC in the fall of 2015 from a junior college. He was awarded a scholarship by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year).

(28) CHRISTIAN TOBER
Wide Receiver, 5-8, 175, Jr.*/Sr., San Clemente, CA (San Clemente HS)

2015: Tober, a one-time walk-on who received a scholarship in the fall of 2015, was a reserve walk-on junior wide receiver in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 3 games (Arkansas State, Idaho, Arizona State), he had 2 catches for 10 yards (5.0 avg) and 2 punt returns for 3 yards (1.5 avg). He had a 6-yard catch and a punt return for minus 2 yards against Arkansas State, then had a 4-yard catch and a 5-yard punt return against Idaho. He broke his collarbone prior to the Washington game and missed the next 7 games, but he has not played since returning to health.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Jr.)...	2	10	5.0	0	6	2	3	1.5	0	5

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CHRISTIAN TOBER

2015

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.	1	6	6.0	0	6	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
Idaho	1	4	4.0	0	4	1	5	5.0	0	5
2015 (Jr.)...	2	10	5.0	0	6	2	3	1.5	0	5

(93) GREG TOWNSEND JR.
Defensive End, 6-3, 275, Sr.*/Sr., Los Angeles, CA (Beverly Hills HS)

CAREER: He has 67 tackles, including 10 for losses (with 5.5 sacks), in his career. He has 15 career starts.

2015: Townsend started at defensive end as a senior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while starting all 13 games, he had 43 tackles, including 5.5 for losses of 13 yards (with 2 sacks for minus 4 yards). He was slowed in 2015 spring drills with a foot injury.

Hehad 3 tackles against Arkansas State, 4 versus Idaho and 3 against Stanford (0.5 sack). He had 2 tackles at Arizona State, 6 tackles versus Washington (including 1.5 for losses, with 0.5 sack), 4 tackles at Notre Dame (with a sack) and 3 tackles versus Utah (with 1 for a loss). He had 3 stops against both California and Arizona, then 4 tackles at Colorado (0.5 for a loss), 2 at Oregon, 4 against UCLA (with 1 for a loss) and 2 against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)...	15	1.5/6	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	9	3/14	0	0
2015 (Sr.)...	43	5.5/13	0	0
CAREER.....	67	10/33	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH GREG TOWNSEND JR.

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.*	3	0/0	0	0
Idaho*	4	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	3	0.5/1	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	0/0	0	0
Washington*	6	1.5/3	0	0
Notre Dame*	4	1/3	0	0
Utah*	3	1/5	0	0
California*	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona*	3	0/0	0	0
Colorado*	4	0.5/1	0	0
Oregon*	2	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	4	1/2	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	2	0/0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)…	43	5.5/13	0	0

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(34) OLAJUWON TUCKER
Inside Linebacker, 6-3, 235, So./So., Harbor City, CA (Serra HS)

CAREER: He has 38 tackles (3.5 for losses, with 2.5 sacks) in his career. He has 2 career starts.

2015: Tucker served as a backup inside linebacker as a sophomore in 2015 before becoming a starter late in the season. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 7 games (Arkansas State, Idaho, Arizona State, Colorado, Oregon, UCLA and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game) and starting twice (versus Oregon and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game), he had 35 tackles, including 3.5 for losses of 22 yards (with 2.5 sacks for minus 21 yards).

He had 1 tackle against Arkansas State, 3 versus Idaho, 1 at Arizona State, 4 at Colorado, a team-best 9 at Oregon (with 2.5 for losses, with 1.5 sacks), 4 against UCLA (with a sack) and a game-high 13 tackles against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)…	3	0/0	0	0
2015 (So.)…	35	3.5/22	0	0
CAREER……..	38	3.5/22	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH OLAJUWON TUCKER

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.	1	0/0	0	0
Idaho	3	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	0	0
Colorado	4	0/0	0	0
Oregon*	9	2.5/16	0	0
UCLA	4	1/6	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	13	0/0	0	0
2015 (So.)…	35	3.5/22	0	0

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(75) MAX TUERK
Center, 6-6, 285, Sr./Sr., Trabuco Canyon, CA (Santa Margarita HS)

CAREER: He has 38 career starts (18 at center, 14 at left guard, 5 at left tackle, 1 at right tackle).

2015: Tuerk, USC's most versatile offensive lineman (he has started at every position on the line), returned for his fourth year as a starter, including this season his second starting at center. He started USC's first 5 games and was in the national discussion for the Rimington Trophy and All-American honors before he torn ligaments in his left knee against Washington and had season-ending surgery. Despite the injury, he won **USC's Most Inspirational Player Award**. He was a **USC captain** for the second year in a row.

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (So.)…	1	1	1.0	0	1

(31) SOMA VAINUKU
Fullback, 6-0, 255, Sr.*/Sr., Eureka, CA (Eureka HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 148 yards on 24 carries (6.2 avg) with 3 TDs, 17 receptions for 124 yards (7.3 avg) with 1 TD, 2 punt returns for 16 yards (8.0 avg), 1 kickoff return for minus 8 yards, 38 tackles, 3 blocked punts (with 1 for a safety) and a fumble recovery. He has 9 career starts.

2015: Vainuku saw action at fullback and as an impact maker on various special teams as a senior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in all 13 games, he had 12 tackles and a fumble recovery, 2 carries for 4 yards (2.0 avg) with a TD and a kickoff return for minus 8 yards. He made the **2015 All-Pac-12 second team** (as a special teams player). Vainuku won **USC's Special Teams Player of the Year Award and Lifter's Award**.

He had a 3-yard run and a tackle against Arkansas State, a tackle and a fumble recovery (to set up a USC TD) at Arizona State, a 1-yard scoring leap and a tackle at Utah, 2 tackles against California, Arizona and UCLA and a tackle against Stanford, Washington, Notre Dame and Oregon.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)…	7	26	3.7	0	11	8	50	6.2	0	16
2013 (So.)…	8	78	9.8	1	52	9	74	8.2	1	15
2014 (Jr.)…	7	40	5.7	1	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)…	2	4	2.0	1	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER…….	24	148	6.2	3	52	17	124	7.3	1	16

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)…	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (So.)…	13	0/0	3#	0	2##	16	8.0	0	13
2014 (Jr.)…	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)…	13	0/0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER……	38	0/0	3#	1	2##	16	8.0	0	13

#Includes 3 blocked punts
##Includes 1 return for a safety

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Sr.)…	1	-8	-8.0	0	-8

GAME-BY-GAME WITH SOMA VAINUKU

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.	1	0/0	0	0	1	3	3.0	0	3
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Washington	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0	1	1	1.0	0	1
California	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Oregon	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)…	13	0/0	0	1	2	4	2.0	1	3

(28) ACA'CEDRIC WARE
Tailback, 6-0, 200, Fr./Fr., DeSoto, TX (Cedar Hill HS)

2015: Ware served as a backup tailback as a first-year freshman in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in 9 games (all but California, Arizona, Colorado, UCLA), he has 36 yards on 12 carries (3.0 avg) with 1 TD. He ran for 28 yards on 6 carries with a 6-yard score against Arkansas State, 14 yards on 4 tries against Idaho and minus 6 yards on 2 carries at Arizona State.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2015 (Fr.)…	12	36	3.0	1	9

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ACA'CEDRIC WARE

2015

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.	6	28	4.7	1	9
Idaho	4	14	3.5	0	8
Arizona St.	2	-6	-6.0	0	-6
2015 (Fr.)…	12	36	3.0	1	9

(72) CHAD WHEELER
Offensive Tackle, 6-7, 280, Jr.*/Sr., Santa Monica, CA (Santa Monica HS)

CAREER: He has 34 career starts.

2015: Wheeler bounced back from a 2014 knee injury and re-assumed his starting role at left offensive tackle as a junior in 2015. Overall in 2015, he appeared in and started 12 games (all but Utah). He suffered a concussion at Notre Dame and was sidelined for the Utah game. He made **2015 All-Pac-12 second team**. He sat out 2015 spring practice while recovering from that 2014 knee injury.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)…	0	0/0	1#	0

#Includes 1 blocked field goal

(15) ISAAC WHITNEY
Wide Receiver, 6-3, 205, Jr.*/Sr., Oklahoma City, OK
(Southmoore HS/Central Oklahoma/Riverside CC)

CAREER: In his 2-year college career at Central Oklahoma and USC, he has 19 catches for 212 yards (11.2 avg) with 2 TDs, plus a tackle and a fumble recovery.

2015: Whitney, who transferred to USC from a junior college in the spring of 2015 as a junior, was a backup wide receiver as a junior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in USC's first 5 games (he started against Washington), he had 19 catches for 212 yards (11.2 avg) with 2 TDs. He broke his collarbone prior to the Notre Dame game and missed USC's last 8 games. He had 2 catches for 38 yards against Arkansas State, a 28-yard TD reception versus Idaho, 2 grabs for 32 yards against Stanford, 2 catches for 10 yards (with a 10-yard TD) at Arizona State and a 4-yard catch against Washington.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)#…	11	100	9.1	0	19	1	0/0	0	1
2015 (Jr.)##…	8	112	14.0	2	31	0	0/0	0	0
COMBINED	19	212	11.2	2	31	1	0/0	0	1

#At Central Oklahoma
##At USC

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ISAAC WHITNEY

2015##

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Ark. St.	2	38	19.0	0	31
Idaho	1	28	28.0	1	28
Stanford	2	32	16.0	0	25
Arizona St.	2	10	5.0	1	10
Washington*	1	4	4.0	0	4
2015 (Jr.)##…	8	112	14.0	2	31

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##At USC

(39) ALEX WOOD
Placekicker, 5-10, 175, Jr.*/Sr., Mercer Island, WA (Mercer Island HS)

CAREER: Wood has made 71-of-73 career PATs and 13-of-17 field goals, and 24 of his 113 kickoffs have been touchbacks with another 30 pinning opponents within the 20-yard line. He also has 4 tackles.

2015: Wood, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the fall of 2015, was the starting placekicker as a junior in 2015 and also handled the kickoff duty for most of the season. Overall in 2015, he appeared in 12 games (all but Oregon), doing the placeekicking in all 12 games and the kickoffs in the first 10 games. He hit 13-of-17 field goals (with a long of 43 yards) and 51-of-53 PATs, plus he had touchbacks on 19 of his 65 kickoffs (another 19 pinned opponents within the 20-yard line). He also made 2 tackles. He suffered a concussion against Colorado and missed the Oregon game. He made **Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention**.

Against Arkansas State, he hit 7-of-8 PATs (1 was blocked) and had 2 touchbacks on his 9 kickoffs (another pinned the Red Wolves within the 20). Against Idaho, he hit his first career field goal (a 24-yarder) and made all 8 of his PATs as well as had 4 touchbacks on his 10 kickoffs (3 others pinned the Vandals within the 20). Against Stanford, he hit a 36-yard field goal and all 4 of his PATS and 3 of his 6 kickoffs pinned the Cardinal within the 20 (plus he had a touchback). At Arizona State, he hit all 6 of his PATs and 2 of his 7 kickoffs pinned the Sun Devils within the 20 (he also had a touchback). Against Washington, he hit 2 field goals (34 and 21 yards) and 2 of his 3 kickoffs pinned the Huskies within the 20. At Notre Dame, he hit all 4 of his PATs and a career-long 42-yard field goal (a 36-yard try hit the left upright after the Irish called 3 timeouts to ice him) and also kicked off 6 times. Against Utah, he hit all 6 of his PATs but missed a 36-yard field goal and he kicked off 7 times, with 2 touchbacks and 3 pinning the Utes within the 20. At California, he hit both of his field goal tries (22 and 43 yards) and all 3 of his PATs and 4 of his 6 field goals pinned the Bears within the 20. Against Arizona, he hit all 5 of his PATs and made a 25-yard field goal (he missed a 34-yarder) and 1 of his 6 kickoffs pinned the Wildcats within the 20. At Colorado, he hit a pair of 22-yard field goals and all 3 of his PATs (he also kicked off 5 times). Against UCLA, he hit both of his field goals (30 and 21 yards) and all 4 of his PATs. Against Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game, he hit a 40-yard field goal and 1 of his 2 PATs (1 was blocked).

	PAT ATT	PAT	FGA	FGM	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)…	8	8	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
2014 (So.)…	12	12	0	0	0	2	0/0	0	0
2015 (Jr.)…	53	51	17	13	43	2	0/0	0	0
CAREER…	73	71	17	13	43	4	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ALEX WOOD

2015

	PAT-PAT ATT	FGM-FGA	MADE	MISS
Ark. St.	7-8	0-0	—	—
Idaho	8-8	1-1	24	—
Stanford	4-4	1-1	36	—
Arizona St.	6-6	0-0	—	—
Washington	0-0	2-3	34, 21	46 SH
Notre Dame	4-4	1-2	42	36 WL
Utah	6-6	0-1	—	36 WL
California	3-3	2-2	22, 43	—
Arizona	5-5	1-2	25	34 WR
Colorado	3-3	2-2	22, 41	—
UCLA	4-4	2-2	30, 21	—
Stanford(P12)	1-2	1-1	40	—
2015 (Jr.)…	12-12	13-17		

	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
Arizona	5	1 (3)
Ark. St.	9	1 (2)
Idaho	10	3 (4)
Stanford	6	3 (1)
Arizona St.	7	2 (1)
Washington	3	2 (0)
Notre Dame	6	0 (0)
Utah	7	3 (2)
California	6	4 (0)
Arizona	6	1 (0)
Colorado	5	0 (0)
2015 (Jr.)…	65	19 (10)

(99) ANTWAUN WOODS
Defensive Tackle, 6-1, 320, Sr.*/Sr., Los Angeles, CA (Taft HS)

CAREER: He has 105 tackles, including 13.5 for losses (with 8 sacks), 2 deflections and a fumble recovery in his career. He has 32 career starts.

2015: The stout Woods started for his third year at nose tackle as a senior in 2015. Overall in 2015 while appearing in and starting 12 games (all but Arizona State), he had 33 tackles, including 6 for losses of 20 yards (with 3 sacks for minus 16 yards), plus a fumble recovery. He sprained his shoulder against Stanford and missed the Arizona State game. He made the **2015 All-Pac-12 first team**. He won **USC's Defensive Linemen of the Year Award and Lifter's Award**. He was a **USC captain**. He sat out 2015 spring practice while recovering from a 2014 chest injury.

He had 4 tackles against Arkansas State, 2 against Idaho and 1 against Stanford. He had 3 tackles at Arizona State, a tackle at Notre Dame, 3 stops against Utah and 3 tackles (1 for a loss) at California. Three of his 6 tackles against Arizona were for losses (with 2 sacks), then 2 of his 3 tackles at Colorado were for losses (with a sack) and he also recovered a fumble (to set up a USC TD). He had a tackle at Oregon, then 3 tackles against both UCLA and Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship Game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)…	16	4.5/15	0	0
2013 (So.)…	19	2/10	1	0
2014 (Jr.)…	37	1/3	1	0
2015 (Sr.)…	33	6/20	0	1
CAREER……	105	13.5/48	2	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ANTWAUN WOODS

2015

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Ark. St.*	4	0/0	0	0
Idaho*	2	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	1	0/0	0	0
Washington*	3	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	1	0/0	0	0
Utah*	3	0/0	0	0
California*	3	1/1	0	0
Arizona*	6	3/10	0	0
Colorado*	3	2/9	0	1
Oregon*	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	3	0/0	0	0
Stanford(P12)*	3	0/0	0	0
2015 (Sr.)…	33	6/20	0	1

*Starter

2015 USC ALL-STAR HONORS

OT ZACH BANNER
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American third team
All-Pac-12 first team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team
USC Offensive Lineman of the Year

QB MAX BROWNE
USC Bob Chandler Award

OLB SU'A CRAVENS
Polynesian Player of the Year Award finalist
Bednarik Award semifinalist
Butkus Award semifinalist
Lott IMPACT Trophy quarterfinalist
CBSSports.com All-American second team
Phil Steele All-American second team
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American second team
AP All-American third team
SI.com All-American honorable mention
All-Pac-12 first team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team
USC Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year
Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week (vs. Arizona)
Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week (vs. Colorado)

QB SAM DARNOLD
USC Offensive Service Team Player of the Year

TB JUSTIN DAVIS
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 third team
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
USC Player of the Game Vs. UCLA Award

ILB LAMAR DAWSON
USC Courage Award

OLB DON HILL
USC Defensive Service Team Player of the Year
USC Lifter's Award

CB-WR-RET ADOREE' JACKSON
Hornung Award finalist
Phil Steele All-American (as DB and AP)
SI.com All-American honorable mention
All-Pac-12 first team (as DB)
All-Pac-12 second team (as RS)
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team (as DB)
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team (as PR)
USC MVP
Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Arizona State)
Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Notre Dame)
CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Cal)
Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. California)
Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Arizona)

TB RONALD JONES II
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 third team
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Player of the Week hon. ment. (vs. Arizona)
USC Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award

QB CODY KESSLER
Senior CLASS Award finalist
Unitas Golden Arm Award finalist
Maxwell Award semifinalist
Davey O'Brien Award semifinalist
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
USC Trojan Way Leadership Award
Manning Award Star of the Week (vs. Arizona State)

WR ROBBY KOLANZ
Pac-12 All-Academic first team

TB TRE MADDEN
USC Trojan Commitment Award
USC Lifter's Award
NFLPA Collegiate Bowl invitee

OG DAMIEN MAMA
All-Pac-12 honorable mention

CB IMAN MARSHALL
USA Today Freshman All-American first team
Sporting News Freshman All-American first team
Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week (vs. UCLA)
CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week (vs. UCLA)

FB JAHLEEL PINNER
USC Trojan Commitment Award

S JOHN PLATTENBURG
USC Community Service Award

CB KEVON SEYMOUR
NFLPA Collegiate Bowl invitee

DT DELVON SIMMONS
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team
All-Pac-12 second team
USC Defensive Lineman of the Year

ILB CAMERON SMITH
USA Today Freshman All-American first team
Sporting News Freshman All-American first team
247Sports Freshman All-American first team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 second team
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year
USC John McKay Award
Chuck Bednarik Award Player of the Week (vs. Utah)
FWAA AutoNation National Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Utah)
CollegeSportsMadness.com National Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Utah)
Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Utah)
CollegeSportsMadness.com Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Utah)

WR JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER
Polynesian Player of the Year Award finalist
Biletnikoff Award semifinalist
AP All-American second team
Football Writers All-American second team
Sporting News All-American second team
SI.com All-American second team
Phil Steele All-American second team
USC Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year
All-Pac-12 first team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 first team

TE CONNOR SPEARS
Pac-12 All-Academic first team

DT CODY TEMPLE
USC Lifter's Award

C MAX TUERK
USC Most Inspirational Player

FB SOMA VAINUKU
All-Pac-12 second team (as SPT)
USC Special Teams Player of the Year
USC Lifter's Award

OT CHAD WHEELER
All-Pac-12 second team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 third team

PK ALEX WOOD
Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention

DT ANTWAUN WOODS
All-Pac-12 first team
Phil Steele All-Pac-12 third team
USC Defensive Lineman of the Year
USC Lifter's Award

2015 USC FOOTBALL STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS	USC	OPP
SCORING	454	337
Points Per Game	34.9	25.9
Points Off Turnovers	92	38
FIRST DOWNS	292	287
Rushing	126	113
Passing	146	147
Penalty	20	27
RUSHING YARDAGE	2290	1913
Yards gained rushing	2658	2264
Yards lost rushing	368	351
Rushing Attempts	499	481
Average Per Rush	4.6	4.0
Average Per Game	176.2	147.2
TDs Rushing	24	16
PASSING YARDAGE	3555	3304
Comp-Att-Int	291-430-6	270-428-14
Average Per Pass	8.3	7.7
Average Per Catch	12.2	12.2
Average Per Game	273.5	254.2
TDs Passing	29	24
TOTAL OFFENSE	5845	5217
Total Plays	929	909
Average Per Play	6.3	5.7
Average Per Game	449.6	401.3
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	47-893	68-1406
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	26-254	17-236
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	14-284	6-42
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.0	20.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.8	13.9
INT RETURN AVERAGE	20.3	7.0
FUMBLES-LOST	12-5	14-9
PENALTIES-Yards	97-903	66-585
Average Per Game	69.5	45.0
PUNTS-Yards	61-2456	64-2706
Average Per Punt	40.3	42.3
Net punt average	35.4	37.4
KICKOFFS-Yards	83-5132	70-4082
Average Per Kick	61.8	58.3
Net kick average	41.6	40.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:44	30:16
3RD-DOWN Conversions	69/175	62/173
3rd-Down Pct	39%	36%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	15/23	8/21
4th-Down Pct	65%	38%
SACKS BY-Yards	37-245	35-233
MISC YARDS	30	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	60	42
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	13-17	15-20
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(47-54) 87%	(42-48) 88%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(37-54) 69%	(30-48) 63%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(55-57) 96%	(40-41) 98%
ATTENDANCE	527506	291758
Games/Avg Per Game	7/75358	5/58352
Neutral Site Games		1/58476

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
USC	89	161	120	84	454
Opponents	87	83	71	96	337

RUSHING

Player	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Jones II, Ronald	13	145	956	16	940	6.5	8	74	72.3
Davis, Justin	12	157	909	34	875	5.6	5	43	72.9
Madden, Tre	10	85	475	23	452	5.3	5	65	45.2
Davis, Dominic	13	14	77	8	69	4.9	0	19	5.3
Ware, Aca'Cedric	9	12	42	6	36	3.0	1	9	4.0
Jackson, Adoree'	13	6	38	3	35	5.8	0	27	2.7
Toland IV, James	9	3	23	0	23	7.7	0	17	2.6
Smith, Stefan	1	3	14	0	14	4.7	0	7	14.0
Vainuku, Soma	13	2	4	0	4	2.0	1	3	0.3
Smith-Schuster, JuJu	13	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
Greene, Jalen	13	2	7	6	1	0.5	0	7	0.1
Sullivan, Conner	13	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-0.3
Team	11	12	0	27	-27	-2.2	0	0	-2.5
Kessler, Cody	13	56	109	241	-132	-2.4	4	21	-10.2
Total.....	13	499	2658	368	2290	4.6	24	74	176.2
Opponents.....	13	481	2264	351	1913	4.0	16	61	147.2

PASSING

Player	G	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Kessler, Cody	13	154.31	280-414-6	67.6	3315	28	83	255.0
Browne, Max	3	145.77	8-12-0	66.7	113	0	35	37.7
Greene, Jalen	13	424.20	3-4-0	75.0	127	1	75	9.8
Total.....	13	156.59	291-430-6	67.7	3555	29	83	273.5
Opponents.....	13	139.89	270-428-14	63.1	3304	24	75	254.2

RECEIVING

Player	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Smith-Schuster, JuJu	13	85	1389	16.3	10	75	106.8
Mitchell Jr., Steven	11	35	308	8.8	4	28	28.0
Rogers, Darreus	11	26	264	10.2	2	27	24.0
Jackson, Adoree'	13	24	382	15.9	2	83	29.4
Davis, Justin	12	18	189	10.5	0	23	15.8
Madden, Tre	10	17	133	7.8	1	30	13.3
Hampton, De'Quan	11	15	165	11.0	0	29	15.0
Petite, Tyler	13	13	119	9.2	1	18	9.2
Greene, Jalen	13	10	104	10.4	0	16	8.0
McNamara, Taylor	13	10	62	6.2	4	16	4.8
Burnett, Deontay	11	9	148	16.4	0	34	13.5
Whitney, Isaac	5	8	112	14.0	2	31	22.4
Davis, Dominic	13	7	102	14.6	0	35	7.8
Jones II, Ronald	13	6	27	4.5	1	15	2.1
Pinner, Jahleel	13	4	22	5.5	2	9	1.7
Tober, Christian	3	2	10	5.0	0	6	3.3
Mellstrom, David	3	1	18	18.0	0	18	6.0
Kolanz, Robby	7	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Total.....	13	291	3555	12.2	29	83	273.5
Opponents.....	13	270	3304	12.2	24	75	254.2

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jackson, Adoree'	23	250	10.9	2	45
Tober, Christian	2	3	1.5	0	5
Mitchell Jr., Steven	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	26	254	9.8	2	45
Opponents.....	17	236	13.9	1	45

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Smith, Cameron	3	122	40.7	1	54
Marshall, Iman	3	15	5.0	0	8
Plattenburg, John	2	22	11.0	0	22
Hawkins, Chris	2	20	10.0	0	20
Cravens, Su'a	2	32	16.0	0	32
Jackson, Adoree'	1	46	46.0	1	46
Seymour, Kevon	1	27	27.0	0	27
Total.....	14	284	20.3	2	54
Opponents.....	6	42	7.0	0	19

KICK RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jackson, Adoree'	29	664	22.9	0	40
Davis, Justin	7	146	20.9	0	36
Smith-Schuster, JuJu	4	51	12.8	0	27
Ruffin, Jabari	2	21	10.5	0	18
Pinner, Jahleel	1	4	4.0	0	4
Vainuku, Soma	1	-8	-8.0	0	0
McNamara, Taylor	1	10	10.0	0	10
Peters, Reuben	1	3	3.0	0	3
Davis, Dominic	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total.....	47	893	19.0	0	40
Opponents.....	68	1406	20.7	0	56

FUMBLE RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Felix, Scott	1	0	0.0	0	0
Masina, Osa	1	46	46.0	1	46
Green, Rasheem	1	31	31.0	1	31
Hawkins, Chris	1	94	94.0	1	94
Total.....	4	171	42.8	3	94
Opponents.....	1	34	34.0	1	34

SCORING

				PATs					
Player	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Wood, Alex	0	13-17	51-53	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	90
Smith-Schuster, JuJu	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	60
Jones II, Ronald	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54
Madden, Tre	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	36
Jackson, Adoree'	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Davis, Justin	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
McNamara, Taylor	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Kessler, Cody	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	24
Mitchell Jr., Steven	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Pinner, Jahleel	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Rogers, Darreus	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Whitney, Isaac	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Vainuku, Soma	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Hawkins, Chris	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Masina, Osa	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ware, Aca'Cedric	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Green, Rasheem	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Petite, Tyler	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Smith, Cameron	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Boermeester, Matt	0	0-0	4-4	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	4
Total.....	60	13-17	55-57	0-1	0	0-2	0	0	454
Opponents.....	42	15-20	40-41	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	337

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Kessler, Cody	13	470	-132	3315	3183	244.8
Jones II, Ronald	13	145	940	0	940	72.3
Davis, Justin	12	157	875	0	875	72.9
Madden, Tre	10	85	452	0	452	45.2
Greene, Jalen	13	6	1	127	128	9.8
Browne, Max	3	12	0	113	113	37.7
Davis, Dominic	13	14	69	0	69	5.3
Ware, Aca'Cedric	9	12	36	0	36	4.0
Jackson, Adoree'	13	6	35	0	35	2.7
Toland IV, James	9	3	23	0	23	2.6
Smith, Stefan	1	3	14	0	14	14.0
Smith-Schuster, JuJu	13	1	4	0	4	0.3
Vainuku, Soma	13	2	4	0	4	0.3
Sullivan, Conner	13	1	-4	0	-4	-0.3
Team	11	12	-27	0	-27	-2.5
Total.....	13	929	2290	3555	5845	449.6
Opponents.....	13	909	1913	3304	5217	401.3

FIELD GOALS

Player	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Wood, Alex	13-17	76.5	0-0	6-6	3-6	4-5	0-0	43	0

FG SEQUENCE	USC	OPPONENTS
Arkansas State	-	-
Idaho	(24)	(20)
Stanford	(36)	(42),(46)
Arizona State	-	47,52
Washington	(34),(21),46	31,(21)
Notre Dame	(42),36	(32),(32)
Utah	36	(53)
California	(22),(43)	-
Arizona	(25),34	(37),(38),(44)
Colorado	(22),(41)	(28),51
Oregon	-	(37),(22)
UCLA	(30),(21)	47
Stanford	(40)	(30),(23)

*** Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.*

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
Albarado, Kris	59	2438	41.3	56	3	27	13	7	0
Team	2	18	9.0	18	0	0	0	0	2
Total.....	61	2456	40.3	56	3	27	13	7	2
Opponents.....	64	2706	42.3	59	3	5	23	11	0

KICKOFFS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Wood, Alex	65	4014	61.8	10	4			
Boermeester, Matt	18	1118	62.1	1	0			
Total.....	83	5132	61.8	11	4	1406	41.6	23
Opponents.....	70	4082	58.3	15	7	893	40.2	24

ALL PURPOSE

Player	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Smith-Schuster, JuJu	13	4	1389	0	51	0	1444	111.1
Jackson, Adoree'	13	35	382	250	664	46	1377	105.9
Davis, Justin	12	875	189	0	146	0	1210	100.8
Jones II, Ronald	13	940	27	0	0	0	967	74.4
Madden, Tre	10	452	133	0	0	0	585	58.5
Mitchell Jr., Steven	11	0	308	1	0	0	309	28.1
Rogers, Darreus	11	0	264	0	0	0	264	24.0
Davis, Dominic	13	69	102	0	2	0	173	13.3
Hampton, De'Quan	11	0	165	0	0	0	165	15.0
Burnett, Deontay	11	0	148	0	0	0	148	13.5
Smith, Cameron	10	0	0	0	0	122	122	12.2
Petite, Tyler	13	0	119	0	0	0	119	9.2
Whitney, Isaac	5	0	112	0	0	0	112	22.4
Greene, Jalen	13	1	104	0	0	0	105	8.1
McNamara, Taylor	13	0	62	0	10	0	72	5.5
Ware, Aca'Cedric	9	36	0	0	0	0	36	4.0
Cravens, Su'a	13	0	0	0	0	32	32	2.5
Seymour, Kevon	11	0	0	0	0	27	27	2.5
Pinner, Jahleel	13	0	22	0	4	0	26	2.0
Toland IV, James	9	23	0	0	0	0	23	2.6
Plattenburg, John	12	0	0	0	0	22	22	1.8
Ruffin, Jabari	13	0	0	0	21	0	21	1.6
Hawkins, Chris	13	0	0	0	0	20	20	1.5
Mellstrom, David	3	0	18	0	0	0	18	6.0
Marshall, Iman	13	0	0	0	0	15	15	1.2
Smith, Stefan	1	14	0	0	0	0	14	14.0
Tober, Christian	3	0	10	3	0	0	13	4.3
Peters, Reuben	6	0	0	0	3	0	3	0.5
Kolanz, Robby	7	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.1
Sullivan, Conner	13	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-0.3
Vainuku, Soma	13	4	0	0	-8	0	-4	-0.3
Team	11	-27	0	0	0	0	-27	-2.5
Kessler, Cody	13	-132	0	0	0	0	-132	-10.2
Total.....	13	2290	3555	254	893	284	7276	559.7
Opponents.....	13	1913	3304	236	1406	42	6901	530.8

2015 USC FOOTBALL RESULTS

RECORD	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	8-5	5-2	3-2	0-1
CONFERENCE	6-3	3-2	3-1	--
NON-CONFERENCE	2-2	2-0	0-1	0-1

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Sept. 5	**ARKANSAS STATE**	**W**	**55-6**	**79,809**
Sept. 12	**IDAHO**	**W**	**59-9**	**72,422**
Sept. 19	**STANFORD ***	**L**	**31-41**	**78,306**
Sept. 26	at Arizona State *	W	42-14	61,904
Oct. 8 (Th)	**WASHINGTON ***	**L**	**12-17**	**63,623**
Oct. 17	at #14 Notre Dame	L	31-41	80,795
Oct. 24	**#3 UTAH ***	**W**	**42-24**	**73,435**
Oct. 31	at California *	W	27-21	52,060
Nov. 7	**ARIZONA ***	**W**	**38-30**	**76,309**
Nov. 13 (Fr)	at Colorado *	W	27-24	37,905
Nov. 21	at #23 Oregon *	L	28-48	59,094
Nov. 28	**#22 UCLA ***	**W**	**40-21**	**83,602**
Dec. 5	vs. #7 Stanford %	L	22-41	58,476

* Pac-12 Conference game | Home game in **BOLD**

% Pac-12 Championship Game | Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, Calif.

	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass Defense int-yds	brup	qbh	Fumbles rcv-yds	ff	blocked kick	saf
35	Smith, Cameron	10	45	33	78	1.0-9	1.0-9	3-122	3	.	1-0	.	.	.
21	Cravens, Su a	13	45	33	78	14.5-58	5.5-33	2-32	6	1	.	2	.	.
4	Hawkins, Chris	13	38	24	62	1.5-4	.	2-20	.	.	2-94	.	.	.
8	Marshall, Iman	13	34	26	60	.	.	3-15	7	.	.	.	.	.
56	Sarao, Anthony	13	30	24	54	5.0-18	3.0-14	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
52	Simmons, Delvon	13	25	21	46	8.5-48	4.0-33	.	1	1	.	2	1	.
93	Townsend Jr., Greg	13	17	26	43	5.5-13	2.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Tucker, Ola uwon	7	20	15	35	3.5-22	2.5-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Woods, Antwaun	12	11	22	33	6.0-20	3.0-16	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
24	Plattenburg, John	12	21	11	32	3.5-21	1.0-10	2-22	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Dawson, Lamar	8	15	16	31	1.0-3	0.5-2	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
2	Jackson, Adoree	13	20	11	31	.	.	1-46	6	.	.	1	.	.
42	Nwosu, Uchenna	13	13	16	29	1.0-1	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
7	Tell III, Marvell	9	15	13	28	1.0-2	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
47	Felix, Scott	13	12	14	26	5.5-37	4.0-31	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
58	Masina, Osa	11	17	8	25	1.5-4	.	.	.	1	1-46	.	.	.
13	Seymour, Kevon	11	18	6	24	1.0-1	.	1-27	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Gustin, Porter	13	13	11	24	7.0-44	5.5-38	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
90	Pelon, Claude	9	9	13	22	2.5-13	1.5-12	.	.	1	.	1	1	.
91	Jefferson, Noah	13	11	10	21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Green, Rasheem	13	6	13	19	1.0-4	0.5-3	.	.	.	1-31	.	.	.
23	Lockett, Jonathan	11	17	1	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	McQuay III, Leon	8	10	8	18	1.5-3	.	.	3	.	1-0	1	.	.
37	Lopes, Matt	9	8	6	14	1.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Hutchings, Michael	11	5	8	13	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
31	Vainuku, Soma	13	7	6	13	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
40	Ruffin, Jabari	13	3	8	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
18	Powell, Quinton	12	5	6	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
14	Langley, Isaiah	10	7	2	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
95	Bigelow Jr., Kenny	12	6	3	9	3.0-19	3.0-19	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
59	Hill, Don	4	3	4	7	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2F	Toland IV, James	9	.	6	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Peters, Reuben	6	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Katrib, George	13	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Temple, Cody	13	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	Team	11	3	.	3	3.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Daniel, Jacob	3	.	3	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
39	Wood, Alex	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3F	Boermeester, Matt	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Dorton, Malik	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	Banner, Zach	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Moore, Grant	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Albarado, Kris	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5A	Mama, Damien	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Kessler, Cody	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Hampton, De Quan	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Davis, Dominic	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Foy, Joel	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Smith-Schuster, JuJu	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	13	528	440	968	80-354	37-245	14-284	35	12	9-171	10	2	.
	Opponents	13	553	446	999	89-367	35-233	6-42	34	23	5-34	7	4	.

2015 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(USC game highs in **bold face**)

Name	Ark. St.	Idaho	Stanford	Ariz. St.	Wash.	N. Dame	Utah	California	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	UCLA	Stanford	Wisc.
Rushing: TCB-NET-TD														
Jones	6-86-1	**8-83**-1	6-19-0	**10-54**-0	8-65-1	6-**73**-0	15-**73**-1	11-**80**-1	**19-177**-1	**19**-61-0	14-56-1	17-63-0	6-50-1	
J. Davis	--	5-74-2	8-46-0	7-24-0	8-31-0	7-52-0	**19**-66-1	**15**-42-0	16-85-2	14-**85**-0	**16-141**-0	**25-130**-0	**17-99**-0	
Madden	**12-102**-1	7-40-2	**9-64**-1	9-7-0	**17-120**-0	**9**-23-0	--	14-62-1	--	--	--	7-32-0	1-2-0	
D. Davis	1-2-0	5-37-0	2-16-0	--	1-(-1)-0	1-(-3)-0	2-3-0	--	--	--	--	2-15-0	--	
Ware	6-28-1	4-14-0	--	2-(-6)-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Jackson	--	--	--	--	--	2-9-0	2-(-1)-0	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	1-27-0	
Toland	--	3-23-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
S. Smith	--	3-14-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Smith-Schuster	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-4-0	--	--	--	--	--	
Vainuku	1-3-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-1-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Greene	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-(-6)-0	--	--	1-7-0	--	--	
Sullivan	--	1-(-4)-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Team	1-(-1)-0	--	1-(-1)-0	1-(-9)-0	--	--	1-(-1)-0	3-(-6)-0	1-(-2)-0	2-(-3)-0	--	2-(-4)-0	--	
Kessler	5-(-35)-0	1-3-0	2-11-0	3-6-0	5-(-25)-0	5-(-4)-1	5-(-25)-1	5-9-0	4-(-31)-0	2-(-14)-0	7-(-18)-0	5-(-1)-1	7-(-8)-1	
Passing: PA-PC-INT-YDS-TD														
Kesser	26-**19**-0	31-**26**-0	32-**25**-0	33-**19**-1	29-16-2	46-**30**-2	28-**21**-0	22-**18**-0	36-**22**-0	27-**17**-1	41-**30**-0	26-**15**-0	37-**22**-0	
	240-4	**410**-3	**272**-3	**375**-5	**156**-0	**365**-2	**264**-1	**186**-0	**243**-2	**204**-3	**238**-2	**175**-2	**187**-1	
Browne	5-3-0	6-4-0	--	1-1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
	66-0	43-0		4-0										
Greene	1-1-0	--	--	--	--	1-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	--	--	--	--	--	
	18-0					75-1	0-0	34-0						
Receiving: NO-YDS-TD														
Smith-Schuster	**4-89**-1	**10-192**-2	**8-153**-1	**5**-103-2	**6-82**-0	**6-139**-1	**8-143**-1	**5**-55-0	**8-138**-1	**3-66**-1	5-**57**-0	**6-85**-0	**11-87**-0	
Mitchell	**4**-32-1	2-16-0	3-12-2	4-66-1	2-3-0	--	--	2-11-0	4-22-0	**3**-59-0	**7**-31-0	1-17-0	3-39-0	
Rogers	2-24-0	1-12-0	4-44-0	--	--	4-34-0	--	3-16-0	--	1-14-0	5-53-1	2-32-1	4-35-0	
Jackson	--	4-62-0	--	3-**131**-1	3-30	1-83-1	6-37-0	2-18-0	4-45-0	1-3-0	--	--	--	
J. Davis	--	--	3-23-0	2-35-0	2-36-0	3-23-0	--	--	--	**3**-28-0	3-24-0	--	2-20-0	
Madden	2-15-1	1-30-0	3-1-0	1-15-0	1-5-0	**6**-47-0	--	--	--	--	--	2-15-0	1-5-0	
Hampton	2-35-0	--	--	--	--	1-8-0	1-29-0	1-12-0	2-15-0	2-19-0	6-47-0	--	--	
Petite	1-5-0	1-6-0	--	3-19-0	--	3-26-0	1-18-0	--	1-18-0	1-9-0	2-18-1	--	--	
Greene	2-25-0	3-27-0	--	--	--	2-22-0	2-15-0	1-15-0	--	--	--	--	--	
McNamara	1-2-1	1-16-0	1-2-0	--	--	1-4-1	--	1-7-0	1-6-0	1-2-1	1-9-0	2-14-1	--	
Burnett	--	1-10-0	--	--	--	3-53-0	--	3-**82**-0	1-(-6)-0	--	--	1-9-0	--	
Whitney	2-38-0	1-28-1	2-32-0	2-10-1	1-4-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
D. Davis	2-53-0	--	--	--	1-23-0	--	3-22-0	1-4-0	--	--	--	--	--	
Jones	--	1-15-0	1-5-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-5-1	1-0-0	1-(-1)-0	1-3-0	--	
Pinner	--	2-17-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-4-1	--	--	1-1-1	
Tober	1-6-0	1-4-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Mellstrom	--	1-18-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Kolanz	--	--	--	--	--	1-1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Punting: NO-YDS-LONG														
Albarado	6-244-49	3-132-54	3-121-52	5-235-52	6-262-53	3-110-44	3-117-48	4-167-48	5-215-56	5-190-43	6-234-44	7-281-53	3-130-45	
Team	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	1-18-18	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Punt Returns: NO-YDS-LONG														
Jackson	2-40-31	3-7-7	1-0-0	2-53-45	3-12-15	--	2-(-1)-0	1-9-9	4-28-16	1-11-11	2*-45-41	2*-46-42	--	
Tober	1-(-2)-(-2)	1-5-5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Mitchell	--	1-1-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
*Includes 1 touchdown														
Kickoff Returns: NO-YDS-LONG														
Jackson	1-23-23	--	5-118-40	--	3-66-29	4-101-33	2-33-17	1-31-31	3-57-31	3-70-28	0-26-26	3-53-20	4-86-32	
J. Davis	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-53-29	1-7-7	1-27-27	2-59-36	--	1-0-0	
Smith-Schuster	--	--	--	--	--	2-36-27	1-9-9	1-6-6	--	--	--	--	--	
Ruffin	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-3-3	--	--	1-18-18	--	--	--	
McNamara	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-10-10	
Pinner	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-4-4	--	--	
Peters	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-3-3	--	--	--	--	
D. Davis	1-2-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Vainuku	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-(-8)-(-8)	--	--	
Interceptions: NO-YDS-TD														
Ca. Smith	--	--	--	--	--	--	3-122-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Marshall	--	--	--	--	1-7-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-8-0	--	
Cravens	1-32-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Plattenburg	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	1-22-0	--	--	--	--	
Hawkins	1-20-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	
Jackson	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-46-1	--	--	--	--	--	
Seymour	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-27-0	--	--	--	--	--	

Name	Ark. St.	Idaho	Stanford	Ariz. St.	Wash.	N. Dame	Utah	California	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	UCLA	Stanford	Wisc.
Defensive Statistics:	**TAC-FOR LOSS-PASS DEF-FUM REC**													
Ca. Smith	**7**-0-1-0	**6**-0-0-0	12-0-0-0	5-1-1-0	**12**-0-0-0	**11**-0-0-1	**9**-0-0-0	4-0-1-0	6-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	--	--	--	
Cravens	6-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	**13**-1-1-0	6-2-0-0	4-0-1-0	10-1.5-1-0	4-2-0-0	5-0-0-0	**8**-2.5-0-0	**8**-2-0-0	4-1.5-0-0	3-0-3-0	5-1-0-0	
Hawkins	5-0-0-1	1-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	2-0-0-1*	7-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	**8**-0-0-0	6-0.5-0-0	5-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	8-1-0-0	
Marshall	6-0-2-0	1-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	6-0-2-0	6-0-0-0	4-0-1-0	4-0-2-0	4-0-0-0	
Sarao	2-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	6-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	5-0-0-0	7-1-0-0	4-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	9-0-0-0	
D. Simmons	1-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	8-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	4-2-1-0	5-1-0-0	6-0.5-0-0	2-2-1***-0	--	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	
Townsend	3-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	3-0.5-0-0	2-0-0-0	6-1.5-0-0	4-1-0-0	3-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	
Tucker	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	4-0-0-0	**9**-2.5-0-0	4-1-0-0	**13**-0-0-0	
Woods	4-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	6-3-0-0	3-2-0-1	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	
Plattenburg	5-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	4-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	**8**-0.5-0-0	6-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	
Dawson	--	--	6-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	3-0.5-0-0	3-0-0-0	4-0-1-0	4-0-0-0	7-0.5-1-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	
Jackson	--	3-0-1-0	5-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-1-0	4-0-0-0	**6**-0-2-0	2-0-2-0	
Nwosu	4-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-1-0	2-0-0-0	--	--	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	3-0-0-0	**6**-0-0-0	8-1-0-0	
Tell	3-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	2-0-1-0	2-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	2-0-1-0	7-0-0-0	
Felix	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	1-1-0-1	1-0-0-0	4-1.5-0-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0.5-0-0	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	--	
Masina	4-1-0-1*	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	5-0.5-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	
Seymour	3-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	
Gustin	3-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	1-0.5-0-0	--	5-0.5-0-0	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-1.5-0-0	--	3-1-0-0	
Pelon	--	1-0-1**-0	1-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	--	--	--	--	4-0.5-0-0	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-1-0-0	6-0-0-0	
Jefferson	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	
Green	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	1-0.5-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-0.5-0-0	1-0-0-1*	4-0-0-0	
Lockett	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	--	4-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	
McQuay	2-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-1-0	2-0.5-0-0	5-1-1-0	2-0-0-1	--	--	--	--	--	
Lopes	**7**-1-0-0	4-0.5-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Hutchings	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	--	
Vainuku	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-1	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	
Ruffin	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	
Powell	--	4-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	
Langley	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	3-0-0-0	--	3-0-1-0	--	
Bigelow	3-1-1-0	--	--	2-1-0-0	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	2-1-0-0	--	--	--	
Hill	--	3-0.5-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	
Toland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	
Peters	2-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Katrib	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	
Temple	--	1-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	
Team	1-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	1-1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Daniel	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	0-0-1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Wood	--	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Boermeester	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	
Dorton	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Banner	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Moore	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Albarado	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Mama	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Kessler	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Hampton	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	
D. Davis	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	
Foy	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Smith-Schuster	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	

*Returned for a TD
**Includes 1 blocked PAT
***Includes 1 blocked field goal

USC TEAM STATISTICS

Name	Ark. St.	Idaho	Stanford	Ariz. St.	Wash.	N. Dame	Utah	California	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	UCLA	Stanford	Wisc.
First Downs	22	35	20	18	20	19	21	22	23	19	24	24	25	
Rush	8	13	9	5	9	6	8	11	10	7	12	15	13	
Pass	11	22	9	12	8	12	11	11	10	11	10	9	10	
Penalty	3	0	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	2	
Rush Attempts	32	37	28	32	39	30	45	50	40	37	38	59	32	
Yds Gain	224	289	166	122	222	167	165	211	262	151	220	249	210	
Yds Lost	39	5	11	46	32	17	49	26	33	22	34	14	40	
Net Yards	185	284	155	76	190	150	116	185	229	129	186	235	170	
Net Yds Pass	324	453	272	379	156	440	264	220	243	204	238	175	187	
Pass Att	32	37	32	34	29	47	29	23	36	27	41	26	37	
Pass Com	23	30	25	20	16	31	21	19	22	17	30	15	22	
Had Int	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Tot Off Plays	64	74	60	66	68	77	74	73	76	64	79	85	69	
Tot Net Yards	509	737	427	455	346	590	380	405	472	333	424	410	357	
Avg/Play	8.0	10.0	7.1	6.9	5.1	7.7	5.1	5.5	6.2	5.2	5.4	4.8	5.2	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	3-1	1-0	1-1	
Penalties-Yds	3-25	6-67	8-87	10-91	8-62	10-105	5-49	6-65	8-70	7-40	12-124	7-56	7-62	
Punts-Yds	6-244	3-132	3-121	5-235	6-262	4-110	4-135	4-167	5-215	5-190	6-234	7-281	3-130	
Avg/Punt	40.7	44.0	40.3	47.0	43.7	27.5	33.8	41.8	43.0	38.0	39.0	40.1	43.3	
Punt Ret-Yds	3-38	5-13	1-0	2-53	3-12	0-0	2-(-1)	1-9	4-28	1-11	2-45	2-46	0-0	
KO Ret-Yds	2-25	0-0	5-118	0-0	3-66	6-137	4-45	4-90	5-67	5-115	4-81	3-53	6-96	
Int-Yards	2-52	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-7	0-0	4-122	2-73	1-22	0-0	1-0	2-8	0-0	
Fum Ret-Yds	1-46	0-0	0-0	2-94	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-31	0-0	
Poss Time	24:29	25:36	20:31	27:38	27:31	31:08	34:50	35:08	31:38	28:50	34:54	40:01	24:18	
3rd Down Con	3-10	1-6	4-10	10-16	1-13	6-16	5-13	6-15	10-18	5-13	6-15	8-19	4-11	
4th Down Con	0-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	2-2	2-3	2-3	1-2	1-1	1-1	1-3	2-2	1-2	
Sacks By-Yds	1-6	1-8	3-17	3-21	2-8	4-26	3-20	0-0	6-27	6-43	4-34	3-30	1-5	

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Name	Ark. St.	Idaho	Stanford	Ariz. St.	Wash.	N. Dame	Utah	California	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	UCLA	Stanford	Wisc.
Offense														
WR	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Whitney	Greene	Greene	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	Rogers	
LT	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Banner	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	
LG	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Mama	Brown	Mama	
C	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Rodgers	Rodgers	Rodgers	Rodgers	Rodgers	Falah	
RG	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Lob'dahn	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Brown	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	
RT	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Edoga	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	
TE	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	McN'm'ra	
QB	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	
FB	Mitchell*	Mitchell*	Pinner	Mitchell*	Mitchell*	Pinner	Jackson*	Greene*	Petite**	Pinner	Mitchell*	Petite**	Mitchell*	
TB	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden	Madden	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Davis	
WR	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	Smith-Sch'st'r	

*USC started 3 wide receivers
**USC started 2 tight ends

Defense														
SOLB	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	
DT	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	
NT	Woods	Woods	Woods	Pelon	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	
DE	Townsend	Townsend	Townsend	Townsend	Townsend	Townsend	Townsend	Townsend	Townsend	Townsend	Townsend	Townsend	Townsend	
RUSH	Felix	Felix	Felix	Felix	Felix	Felix	Felix	Felix	Nwosu	Felix	Felix	Gustin	Gustin	
MILB	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Dawson	Ca. Smith	Ca. Smith	Tucker	Hutchings	Tucker	
WILB	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Lockett+	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	
CB	Seymour	Lockett	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	
FS	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	
SS	Platt'burg	Platt'burg	Platt'burg	Platt'burg	Platt'burg	Platt'burg	McQuay	McQuay	Seymour++	Platt'burg	Platt'burg	Jackson	Tell	
CB	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Seymour	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Seymour	Jackson	

+USC started 5 defensive backs
++USC started 3 cornerbacks

OPPONENT TEAM STATISTICS

Name	Ark. St.	Idaho	Stanford	Ariz. St.	Wash.	N. Dame	Utah	California	Arizona	Colorado	Oregon	UCLA	Stanford	Wisc.
First Downs	19	19	26	26	17	21	20	23	24	21	28	23	20	
Rush	11	6	10	8	9	12	8	6	5	7	11	7	13	
Pass	8	12	14	15	7	7	9	14	16	12	15	12	6	
Penalty	0	1	2	3	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	4	1	
Rush Attempts	50	32	49	35	36	35	28	30	32	36	38	29	51	
Yds Gain	226	91	218	212	150	249	126	123	98	109	211	174	277	
Yds Lost	18	20	23	30	15	35	27	6	38	50	40	34	15	
Net Yards	208	71	195	182	135	214	99	117	60	59	171	140	262	
Net Yds Pass	193	240	279	272	164	262	254	277	352	222	407	227	155	
Pass Att	37	45	24	44	33	25	36	31	47	31	25	37	13	
Pass Com	17	28	18	23	1	16	24	23	31	24	20	19	10	
Had Int	2	0	0	1	1	0	4	2	1	0	1	2	0	
Tot Off Plays	87	77	73	79	69	60	64	61	79	67	63	66	64	
Tot Net Yards	401	311	474	454	299	476	353	394	412	281	578	367	417	
Avg/Play	4.6	4.0	6.5	5.7	4.3	7.9	5.5	6.5	5.2	4.2	9.2	5.6	6.5	
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-0	0-0	3-3	0-0	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	
Penalties-Yds	8-88	2-23	5-40	2-25	7-60	4-40	4-34	3-26	9-80	5-39	4-42	6-30	7-58	
Punts-Yds	7-315	9-408	2-70	4-185	7-300	5-190	5-216	4-186	5-217	4-173	4-149	7-264	1-33	
Avg/Punt	45.0	45.3	35.0	46.2	42.9	38.0	43.2	46.5	43.4	43.2	37.2	37.7	33.0	
Punt Ret-Yds	2-6	0-0	0-0	2-21	1-15	2-48	2-43	0-0	2-15	2-52	0-0	2-7	2-29	
KO Ret-Yds	6-122	5-92	5-97	6-101	3-55	6-135	5-91	6-92	5-139	4-100	5-114	7-148	5-120	
Int-Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-4	2-19	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-19	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-34	
Poss Time	35:31	34:24	39:29	32:22	32:29	28:52	25:10	24:52	28:22	31:10	25:06	19:59	35:42	
3rd Down Con	6-19	5-17	8-12	5-13	6-17	5-12	3-11	2-9	4-15	5-13	2-8	4-14	7-13	
4th Down Con	0-4	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-3	1-3	1-2	0-0	1-1	2-3	
Sacks By-Yds	5-35	0-0	1-7	2-15	5-25	2-9	4-26	2-9	2-15	2-14	5-38	1-7	4-33	

CLAY HELTON
USC HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

After starting the 2015 season as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, Clay Helton was named USC's permanent head coach on Nov. 30, dropping the interim head coach title he had held since Oct. 12 (for USC's final 7 regular season games). He signed a 5-year contract.

The 43-year-old Helton, who has been at USC since 2010, is 6-3 as the Trojan head coach (5-3 in 2015, including wins over a pair of Top 25 teams). He guided the 2015 Trojans to the co-championship of the challenging Pac-12 South Division, a berth in the Pac-12 Championship Game and a trip to the Holiday Bowl.

"After weeks of searching the collegiate and pro ranks, interviewing candidates, and speaking with head coaches, athletic directors, NFL executives, and very knowledgeable football people, and after observing Clay in action the past seven weeks, it became abundantly clear that what we were searching for in a coach was right here in front of us," said USC athletic director Pat Haden upon announcing Helton's hiring. "Choosing a coach is an inexact science. In Clay's case, there is exactness. We have a man with unquestioned integrity. He is a fantastic person and he is real. Clay is a leader of young men. He is a terrific communicator. He brings high character, stability, continuity, consistency, toughness and resiliency to our program.

"We have known Clay well for the past six years. He earned this opportunity. He has been positive and upbeat handling adversity. He was built to be a head coach. Football is his family business. He is a coach on the rise and he will be coaching a team on the rise. As our interim head coach, Clay brought back USC's style of physical football. I have been impressed with how hard and how inspired our team has played for him, as well as the support they have shown for him."

Helton joined the USC staff in February of 2010 as the quarterbacks coach after spending 10 seasons as an assistant at Memphis. He added the passing game coordinator role in 2012 and became the offensive coordinator in 2013.

As the coordinator of USC's offense in 2015, the Trojans rank ninth nationally in completion percentage (.677), 11th in both fumbles lost (5) and passes had intercepted (6), 17th in both passing efficiency (156.6) and fourth down conversions (.652) and 22nd in first downs (292). USC averages 449.6 total yards and 34.9 points a game. Quarterback Cody Kessler, a finalist for the Unitas Award, ranks in the national Top 25 in completion percentage (11th at .676), passing TDs (13th at 28), passing efficiency (16th at 154.3) and completions (25th at 21.5). Kessler is in USC's career Top 4 in TD passes, completions, passing yards and total offense (and is above Heisman winner Matt Leinart's school career records for completion percentage and interception rate). All-Pac-12 first team wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster is in the Top 20 nationally in receiving yards (seventh at 106.7), receiving TDs (14th at 10) and receptions (19th at 6.5). Tailbacks Justin Davis and Ronald Jones II are closing in on 1,000-yard rushing seasons. Jones owns the USC frosh season rushing record formerly held by Heisman winner Charles White (Jones could be just the second Trojan first-year freshman to top the squad in rushing).

In 2014, quarterback Cody Kessler had the most efficient passing season in USC history (69.7%, 39 TDs, 5 interceptions) while setting USC season records for completions (315), completion percentage (69.7), passing efficiency (167.1) and interception rate (1.11) and tying USC season marks for TD passes (39) and 300-yard passing games (7). He also threw a school record 7 TD passes against Colorado and a Notre Dame opponents record 6 TDs against the Irish. USC's offense ranked in the national Top 25 in passing efficiency, passing offense, third down conversions and scoring offense in 2014. USC played in the 2014 Holiday Bowl.

In 2013, he served as USC's interim head coach in its victory over Fresno State in the Las Vegas Bowl. The Trojan offense was in the national Top 25 in red zone scoring.

In 2012, quarterback Matt Barkley won the Wuerrfel Trophy and was a finalist for the Manning Award, Unitas Golden Arm Award, Senior CLASS Award and ARA Sportsmanship Award as he became the Pac-12 career recordholder for passing yards (12,327), completions (1,001), touchdowns (116) and total offense (12,214). He also was a 2012 National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete. He was a fourth round pick in the 2013 NFL draft. USC played in the 2012 Sun Bowl.

In 2011, Barkley was a Manning Award and Wuerrfel Trophy finalist as he set the Pac-12 season record for TD passes (39) and the USC season mark for pass completion percentage (69.1%), as well as school game standards for completions (35), pass yardage (468), passing TDs (6) and total offense (470). He was eighth nationally in passing efficiency and 16th in total offense. He finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Helton began his 10-year (2000-09) Memphis career as the running backs coach for 3 seasons, then coached the Tigers' receivers for the next 4 seasons before becoming the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach the final 3 years. He served as Memphis' interim head coach for several months in early 2006 when head coach Tommie West had off-season heart surgery.

Among the Tigers' running backs he tutored was school rushing/scoring/all-purpose running recordholder DeAngelo Williams, who went on to finish seventh in the Heisman Trophy voting in 2005 and be an NFL first round selection.

As the receivers coach, he produced a pair of Conference USA All-Freshman picks in Maurice Jones (2005) and Duke Calhoun (2006), as well as the school's No. 4 all-time receptions leader in Ryan Scott. In 2003, Memphis set school season records for receptions and receiving yardage.

As the Tigers' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, the 2007 and 2008 offenses were among the top 6 in school history in total yards and points. Both squads were ranked in the top 26 nationally in total offense. Quarterback Martin Hankins became Memphis' No. 2 career passer and set single season records for completions, passing yards and touchdown passes in 2007. In 2009, Curtis Steele had his second consecutive season with 1,000 rushing yards, Calhoun became the school's all-time leading receiver and Carlos Singleton set the career mark for receiving touchdowns.

Memphis played in 5 bowls during Helton's time: the 2003 and 2007 New Orleans Bowls, 2004 GMAC Bowl, 2005 Motor City Bowl and 2008 St. Petersburg Bowl.

Helton was hired as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Arkansas State after the 2009 season, but was there just 2 months before coming to USC.

Before Memphis, he was the running backs coach at Houston, his alma mater, for 3 seasons (1997-99), working under his father, head coach Kim Helton.

He began his coaching career at Duke, serving as a graduate assistant in 1995 and then the running backs coach in 1996.

He played quarterback at Houston in 1993 and 1994, playing for his father both seasons and captaining the Cougars as a 1994 senior. In 1993, he completed 1-of-3 passes in late duty in Houston's 49-7 loss to USC in the Coliseum.

He spent 1991 and 1992 at Auburn, where he earned 1992 SEC All-Academic honors. He redshirted there in 1990.

He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and interdisciplinary science from Houston in 1994.

He prepped at Clements High in Sugar Land (Tex.)

He was born on June 24, 1972. He and his wife, Angela, have 3 children: sons Reid, 18, and Turner, 12, and daughter Aubrey, 16. Besides being Houston's head coach from 1993 to 1999, his father, Kim, was an assistant in college (Florida, Miami and Alabama Birmingham), the NFL (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Houston Oilers, Los Angeles Raiders, Washington Redskins) and the CFL (Toronto Argonauts) following his playing career at Florida. His brother, Tyson, is the offensive coordinator at Western Kentucky after assistant coaching stops at Cincinnati, Alabama Birmingham, Memphis and Hawaii and playing at Houston.

2015 USC GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1 – September 5, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 55, Arkansas State 6
Att: 79,809

Arkansas State	**0**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**—**	**6**
USC	**14**	**14**	**14**	**13**	**—**	**55**

QB **Cody Kessler** threw 4 touchdown passes, TB **Tre Madden** ran for 102 yards with a TD (he also had a scoring reception) and the Trojan defense had 4 takeaways to help No. 8 USC get its 2015 campaign off to a convincing start with a 55-6 thrashing over Sun Belt member Arkansas State before 79,809 fans in the Coliseum and a Pac-12 Networks audience.

It was the first meeting between the teams. It extended USC's winning streak in season openers to 17 (not including 1 win vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: 18). It was USC's most points in an opener since 2009 and was the fewest points scored by Arkansas State in any game since 2008.

USC piled up 509 yards of total offense on just 64 plays (8.0 average), while Arkansas State held the ball 35:31 and ran 87 plays while getting 401 total yards. Troy struck quickly on its 7 offensive scoring drives, which averaged 1:25 each (none exceeded 3:17 and only 2 were longer than 1:14).

WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** hauled in a career-long 61-yard scoring pass from Kessler on the fourth play of the game. USC built up a 28-0 halftime lead as WR **Steven Mitchell Jr.** caught a 14-yard Kessler TD pass at the end of the first quarter, then Madden raced a career-best 65 yards for a touchdown and Kessler found TE **Taylor McNamara** on a 2-yard scoring toss on consecutive possessions in the middle of the second quarter.

After Arkansas State scored on the opening drive of the second half on a 9-yard run by RB Michael Gordon, USC scored on 4 of 5 possessions beginning midway through the third quarter: Madden caught an 8-yard Kessler TD pass, TB **Ronald Jones II** raced 44 yards for a TD, ILB **Osa Masina** picked up an errant Red Wolves lateral and sped 46 yards for a score early in the final quarter and TB **Aca'Cedric Ware** had a 6-yard TD run.

Kessler was good on 73.1% of his passes (19-of-26) for 240 yards while playing just 3 quarters, but was sacked 5 times. Madden had 117 all-purpose yards (102 on 12 rushes for an 8.5 average and 15 on 2 receptions). Jones added 86 yards on 6 carries, while Smith-Schuster (89 yards) and Mitchell (32 yards) each had 4 grabs.

ILB **Cameron Smith**, who became the first USC true freshman to start an opener at inside linebacker since Riki Gray (Ellison) did so in 1978 against Texas Tech, and S **Matt Lopes** led USC with 7 tackles each. OLB **Su'a Cravens** had 6 stops and an interception, while S **Chris Hawkins** had 5 tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery.

USC had 23 players make their Trojan playing debut, including 13 true freshmen.

For Arkansas State, QB Fredi Knighten completed just 34.8% of his passes (8-of-23) for 86 yards with 2 picks and he ran for a team-best 58 yards on 14 carries, while QB James Tabary came off the bench to hit 7-of-11 throws for 95 yards. Gordon rushed for 53 yards on 11 tries and RB Warren Wand added 52 yards on 10 attempts. WR J.D. McKissic caught 5 passes for 36 yards for the Red Wolves.

SCORING

First Quarter
USC – Smith-Schuster 61-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
USC – Mitchell 14-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
Second Quarter
USC – Madden 65-yard run (Wood kick)
USC – McNamara 2-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
Third Quarter
AS – Gordon 9-yard run (Birse pass failed)
USC – Madden 8-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
USC – Jones 44-yard run (Wood kick)
Fourth Quarter
USC – Masina 46-yard fumble reurn (Wood kick blocked)
USC – Ware 6-yard run (Wood kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ARKANSAS ST.
22	First Downs	19
185	Net Yards Rushing	208
324	Net Yards Passing	193
32	Passes Attempted	37
23	Passes Completed	17
0	Had Intercepted	2
64	Total Plays	87
509	Total Yards	401
6/40.7	Punts/Avg	7/45.0
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/2
3/25	Penalties/Yards	8/88
24:29	Time of Possession	35:31

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Madden (USC) 12-102; Jones (USC) 6-86; Knighten (AS) 14-58; Gordon (AS) 11-53; Wand (AS) 10-52; White (AS) 6-30; Ware (USC) 6-28.

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 19-26-240; Knighten (AS) 8-23-86; Tabary (AS) 7-11-95; Browne (SUSC) 3-5-66; Birse (AS) 2-2-12; Greene (USC) 1-1-18.

RECEIVING – McKissic (AS) 5-36; Smith-Schuster (USC) 4-89; Mitchell (USC) 4-32; Paschal (AS) 3-15; Houston (AS) 2-54; D. Davis (USC) 2-53; Griswold (AS) 2-46; Whitney (USC) 2-38; Hampton (USC) 2-35; Greene (USC) 2-25; Rogers (USC) 2-24; Madden (USC) 2-15.

GAME 2 – September 12, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 59, Idaho 9
Att: 72,422

Idaho	**0**	**3**	**6**	**0**	**—**	**9**
USC	**21**	**17**	**14**	**7**	**—**	**59**

WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** caught 2 long touchdown passes, QB **Cody Kessler** threw 3 TDs and TBs **Tre Madden** and **Justin Davis** each ran for a pair of scores as No. 8 USC steamrolled Idaho, 59-9, on a hot and muggy evening in the Coliseum in front of 72,422 fans and a national Pac-12 Networks audience.

It was USC's ninth victory in as many tries over former conference foe Idaho. It was the first time since 2004-05 that USC scored at least 45 points in 4 straight games and the first time since 2005 that it scored at least 50 points in back-to-back games. USC's combined 114 points scored in its first 2 outings of 2015 were its most scored in the first 2 games of a season since 2005 (133), while its 15 points surrendered were its fewest in a season's opening 2 outings since 2008 (10).

The Trojans piled up 737 total yards (453 through the air), their most since getting 745 versus Washington State in 2005, to Idaho's 311 (just 71 rushing) despite holding the ball only 25:36 (Troy's 9 scoring drives averaged nearly 75 yards each but took just 2:09 of time each). USC averaged 10.0 yards per play, including 7.7 on the ground, and had no turnovers and gave up no sacks. But Troy converted just 1-of-6 third downs. Nearly all the Trojans' active roster got into the game, as 81 players saw action (including 14 true freshmen).

USC scored on its first 2 possessions, 8 of its first 9 and 9 of its first 11. Davis had scoring runs of 1 and 7 yards early in the first quarter, then Kessler hit Smith-Schuster with a 50-yard TD bomb late in the quarter. After PK Austin Rehkow's 20-yard field goal got Idaho on the board at the top of the second quarter, Madden got into the end zone on 7- and 9-yard runs before PK **Alex Wood** kicked his first career field goal (a 24-yarder) near the end of the half.

Idaho scored on the opening possession of the second half on a 10-yard pass from QB Matt Linehan to TE Trent Cowan, but USC responded with Kessler TD tosses to WR **Isaac Whitney** (28 yards) and Smith-Schuster (41 yards) on Troy's next 2 drives. TB **Ronald Jones II's** 1-yard scoring run, a play after his 44-yard burst, closed out the game's scoring midway through the final quarter.

Kessler completed 83.9% of his passes (26-of-31) for a career-high 410 yards while playing the first 3 quarters (he hit 11 of his first 12 aerials and 16 of his first 18). Smith-Schuster had 10 catches for 192 yards, both career bests, and was 1 of 14 Trojans to catch a pass (CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** had 4 grabs for 62 yards). Jones led all rushers with 83 yards on 8 carries, while Davis added 74 yards on 5 tries and Madden had 40 on 7 attempts.

LB **Cameron Smith** led USC with 6 tackles, while ILB **Anthony Sarao** and DT **Delvon Simmons** added 5 stops each.

For Idaho, Linehan was 20-of-32 for 194 yards and QB Jake Luton was 8-of-13 for 46 yards off the bench. WR Jacob Sannon caught 9 passes for 79 yards, TE Deon Watson added 6 grabs for 66 yards and WR Callen Hightower had 5 catches for 49 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter
USC – J. Davis 1-yard run (Wood kick)
USC – J. Davis 7-yard run (Wood kick)
USC – Smith-Schuster 50-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
Second Quarter
ID – Rehkow 20-yard field goal
USC – Madden 7-yard run (Wood kick)
USC – Madden 9-yard run (Wood kick)
USC – Wood 24-yard field goal
Third Quarter
ID – Cowan 10-yard pass from Linehan (Rehkow kick)
USC – Whitney 28-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
USC – Smith-Schuster 41-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
Fourth Quarter
USC – Jones 1-yard run (Wood kick)

USC	STATISTICS	IDAHO
35	First Downs	19
284	Net Yards Rushing	71
453	Net Yards Passing	240
37	Passes Attempted	45
30	Passes Completed	28
0	Had Intercepted	0
74	Total Plays	77
737	Total Yards	311
3/44.0	Punts/Avg	9/45.3
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/0
6/67	Penalties/Yards	2/23
25:36	Time of Possession	34:24

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Jones (USC) 8-83; J. Davis (USC) 5-74; Madden (USC) 7-40; D. Davis (USC) 5-37; Penny (ID) 15-34; Toland (USC) 3-23; Duckworth (ID) 9-21.

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 26-31-410; Linehan (ID) 20-32-194; Luton (ID) 8-13-46; Browne (USC) 4-6-43.

RECEIVING – Smith-Schuster (USC) 10-192; Sannon (ID) 9-79; Watson (ID) 6-66; Hightower (ID) 5-49; Jackson (USC) 4-62; Greene (USC) 3-27.

GAME 3 – September 19, Los Angeles Coliseum
Stanford 41, USC 31
Att: 78,306

Stanford	**7**	**17**	**7**	**10**	**—**	**41**
USC	**14**	**7**	**7**	**3**	**—**	**31**

RB Remound Wright ran for 3 short touchdowns and QB Kevin Hogan threw for 279 yards with a pair of TDs to help Stanford overcome an 11-point first half deficit and defeat No. 6 USC, 41-31, in the Pac-12 opener before 78,306 fans in the Coliseum and a national ABC audience.

It was the Trojans' fifth loss since 2008 in league openers. It was the sixth consecutive USC-Stanford game decided by 10 points or less. The game closed out Troy's season-opening 3-game homestand. It was just the second time in Stanford's last 39 games that the Cardinal surrendered at least 30 points.

Stanford had 474 yards of total offense (279 passing) and 26 first downs on 73 plays while holding the ball 39:29 (the most against USC since the Cardinal had the same amount in 2000) and converting 8-of-12 third downs. The Cardinal scored on 7 of its 9 possessions, including 4 in a row in the first half and 3 consecutive to seal the game in the second half. USC ran only 60 plays, getting 427 total yards (272 passing) and 20 first downs, and Troy converted just 4-of-10 third downs and had 8 penalties.

USC scored on the game's opening drive on TB **Tre Madden's** 5-yard run, but Stanford countered later in the first quarter on Hogan's 16-yard TD toss to TE Austin Hooper. USC answered right back with a 6-yard scoring pass from QB **Cody Kessler** to WR **Steven Mitchell** late in the first quarter, only to see Stanford close the gap on PK Conrad Ukropina's 42-yard field goal early in the second quarter. USC extended its lead to 21-10 on the ensuing possession as Kessler hit WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** on a 54-scoring aerial. But Stanford scored on its next 2 possessions, first on Wright's 1-yard run and then on Hogan's 17-yard TD pass to WR Devon Cajuste with 3 seconds left in the half to take a 24-21 lead.

USC came out and scored on its first drive of the second half with another Kessler-to-Mitchell TD pass (this one for 1 yard). But back-to-back 1-yard Wright TD runs built Stanford's lead to 38-28 early in the final quarter before the team's exchanged field goals (first a 36-yarder by PK **Alex Wood** and then Ukropina's 46-yarder).

Kessler was 25-of-32 for 272 yards and the 3 scores (he started off by hitting 16 of his first 18 passes for the second straight week), Smith caught 8 passes for 153 yards (both game highs) and Madden gained 64 yards on 9 rushes (a 7.1 average). OLB **Su'a Cravens** led USC with 13 tackles and had one of the team's 3 sacks, while ILB **Cameron Smith** added 12 stops.

For Stanford, Hogan was 18-of-23 for 279 yards, RB Christian McCaffrey had 249 all-purpose yards (115 on 26 carries, 37 on 3 receptions and 97 on 5 kickoff returns), Hooper caught 4 passes for 79 yards and ILB Blake Martinez had 14 tackles.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Madden 5-yard run (Wood kick)

STAN – Hooper 16-yard pass from Hogan(Ukropina kick)

USC – Mitchell 6-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

Second Quarter

STAN – Ukropina 42-yard field goal

USC – Smith-Schuster 54-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

STAN – Wright 1-yard run (Ukropina kick)

STAN – Cajuste 17-yard pass from Hogan (Ukropina kick)

Third Quarter

USC – Mitchell 1-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

STAN – Wright 1-yard run (Ukropina kick)

Fourth Quarter

STAN – Wright 1-yard run (Ukropina kick)

USC – Wood 36-yard field goal

STAN – Ukropina 46-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	STANFORD
20	First Downs	26
155	Net Yards Rushing	195
272	Net Yards Passing	279
32	Passes Attempted	24
25	Passes Completed	18
0	Had Intercepted	0
60	Total Plays	73
427	Total Yards	474
3/40.3	Punts/Avg	2/35.0
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
8/87	Penalties/Yards	5/40
20:31	Time of Possession	39:29

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – McCaffrey (STAN); Madden (USC) 9-64; J. Davis (USC) 8-46; Wright (STAN) 11-41; Hogan (STAN) 7-28; Jones (USC) 6-19.

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 25-32-272; Hogan (STAN) 18-23-279.

RECEIVING – Smith-Schuster (USC) 8-153; Hooper (STAN) 4-79; Rogers (USC) 4-44; Schultz (STAN) 3-40; McCaffrey (STAN) 3-37; J. Davis (USC) 3-23; Mitchell (USC) 3-12.

GAME 4 – September 26, Tempe, Arizona
USC 42, Arizona State 14
Att: 61,904

USC	**7**	**28**	**0**	**7**	**—**	**42**
Arizona State	**0**	**0**	**7**	**7**	**—**	**14**

QB **Cody Kessler** threw 5 touchdowns, including a pair to WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** and an 80-yard catch-and-run to CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**, and the Trojan defense forced 4 turnovers that each led to TDs as No. 19 USC thoroughly handled Arizona State, 42-14, on a hot (95 degrees) evening in Tempe in front of 61,904 fans and a national ESPN audience.

Not only did Troy—making its first road trip of 2015—bounce back from its Pac-12 opening loss to Stanford, but the Trojans snapped a 2-game losing streak to ASU.

USC built a 35-0 halftime lead thanks to a 28-point second quarter. On USC's second possession of the game (after OLB **Scott Felix** recovered a fumble forced by OLB **Su'a Cravens**), Jackson took a Kessler swing pass and raced 80 yards for a TD, a career long reception. Then, early in the second quarter following an interception by CB **John Plattenburg**, Kessler hit WR **Steven Mitchell** on a 27-yard TD. Late in the half, Kessler and Smith-Schuster hooked up for a 4-yard TD. On the following series ASU drove to USC's 1 before DT **Delvon Simmons** forced a fumble, which S **Chris Hawkins** picked up an jetted 94 yards for a TD. The Sun Devils fumbled away the ensuing kickoff, as OLB **Quinton Powell's** hit led to FB **Soma Vainuku's** recovery, and Kessler soon after hit Smith-Schuster on a 10-yard scoring toss with 3 seconds to go in the half. ASU also missed a pair of field goals in the half.

The Sun Devils scored twice after intermission on 1- and 4-yard runs by RB Demario Richard, sandwiching Kessler's 10-yard TD strike to WR **Isaac Whitney** early in the fourth quarter.

Kessler was 19-of-33 for 375 yards with the 5 scores, but his interception at the ASU 1-yard line in the game's opening drive snapped his streak of 103 passes without an interception. Smith-Schuster had 5 catches for 103 yards (including a 52-yarder on the game's opening play), while Jackson had 184 all-purpose yards on just 5 touches (a career-best 131 receiving on 3 receptions, with a 45-yarder on third-and-six to keep a TD drive live to go along with his 80-yard score, and 53 yards on 2 punt returns, including a ridiculous 45-yarder where he juked, jumped and slipped defenders). TB **Ronald Jones** led USC with 54 yards on 10 carries. Cravens and S **Marvell Tell** each had 6 tackles, with 2 of Cravens' for losses.

Arizona State ran off 13 more plays than USC (79 to 66), but the teams were nearly even in total yardage (455 for USC to ASU's 454), but the Sun Devils had more first downs (26 to 18) and possession time (32:22). Just 76 of USC's yards came on the ground (ASU ran for 182 yards). Troy had 10 penalties (ASU had just 2), but converted 10-of-16 third downs and posted 3 sacks.

For ASU, which converted just 5-of-13 third downs, Richard had ran for 131 yards on 14 tries, QB Mike Bercovici completed 23-of-44 passes for 272 yards and WR Gary Chambers had 5 grabs for 103 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Jackson 80-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

Second Quarter

USC – Mitchell 27-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

USC – Smith-Schuster 4-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

USC – Hawkins 94-yard fumble return (Wood kick)

USC – Smith-Schuster 10-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

Third Quarter

ASU – Richard 1-yard run (Gonzalez kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC – Whitney 10-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

ASU – Richard 4-yard run (Gonzalez kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA ST.
18	First Downs	26
76	Net Yards Rushing	182
379	Net Yards Passing	272
34	Passes Attempted	44
20	Passes Completed	23
1	Had Intercepted	1
66	Total Plays	79
455	Total Yards	454
5/47.0	Punts/Avg	4/46.2
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	3/3
10/91	Penalties/Yards	2/25
27:38	Time of Possession	32:22

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Richard (ASU) 14-131; Jones (USC) 10-56; Ballage (ASU) 9-30; Hayes (ASU) 4-27; J. Davis (USC) 7-24.

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 19-33-375; Bercovici (ASU) 23-44-272; Browne (USC) 1-1-4.

RECEIVING – Foster (ASU) 6-67; Smith-Schuster (USC) 5-103; Chambers (ASU) 5-103; Kohl (ASU) 5-63; Mitchell (USC) 4-66; Jackson (USC) 3-131); Petite (USC) 3-19; J. Davis (USC) 2-35; White (ASU) 2-27; Whitney (USC) 2-10; Hayes (ASU) 2-9; Richard (ASU) 2-7.

GAME 5 – October 8, Los Angeles Coliseum
Washington 17, USC 12
Att: 63,623

Washington	**0**	**3**	**7**	**7**	**—**	**17**
USC	**3**	**3**	**0**	**6**	**—**	**12**

Unranked Washington stunned No. 17 USC by posting a 17-12 Thursday night upset in the Coliseum in front of 63,623 fans and an ESPN audience.

It was Troy's fewest points against the Huskies since being shut out in 1997 and it gave USC its first back-to-back home losses in a season since 2001. Because of the Pac-12 schedule rotation, it was the first meeting since 2012 between USC and Washington, the former stop of USC head coach **Steve Sarkisian**.

Washington, which owned the Pac-12's top unit in total, rushing and scoring defense, limited USC to season lows in total yards (346), passing yards (156) and points (12). The Trojans converted just 1-of-13 third downs, had 3 turnovers and 8 penalties, gave up 5 sacks and were tackled for losses 11 times and held the ball just 27:31. UW's offense also struggled, getting only 299 total yards, including just 164 passing, both USC opponent season lows.

USC held a 3-0 lead following a 34-yard field goal by PK **Alex Wood** late in the first quarter even though the Huskies advanced to at least the Trojan 35-yard line on their first 3 possessions (UW missed a field goal and CB **Iman Marshall** had an interception on 2 of those series, both of which started following interceptions of QB **Cody Kessler** passes). The Huskies answered Wood's field goal with a 21-yarder by PK Cameron Van Winkle on its ensuing drive early in the second quarter, but USC took a 6-3 lead into intermission on Wood's 21-yard field goal at the first half gun.

USC fumbled on its first series of the second half and Washington used a trick play to score on the next play, a 27-yard toss from WR Marvin Hall (who had taken a lateral from QB Jake Browning) to wide-open TE Joshua Perkins. Washington built its lead to 17-6 early in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard TD run by TB Myles Gaskin, but USC countered on the next possession with a 1-yard TD run by TB **Ronald Jones** (Troy's 2-point conversion try failed). The Trojans got the ball twice more in the game and even advanced to UW's 25-yard line on the second drive, but couldn't put up any points.

Kessler was 16-of-29 for 156 yards with the 2 picks, TB **Tre Madden** had 120 yards on 17 carries, Jones added 65 yards on 8 attempts and WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** had 6 catches for 82 yards. LB **Cameron Smith** had a game-best 12 tackles and DT **Delvon Simmons** added 8 stops.

For UW, Browning was 16-of-32 for 137 yards, Gaskin had 134 yards on 22 carries, WR Jaydon Mickens had 6 grabs for 49 yards and Perkins had 4 for 57 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Wood 34-yard field goal

Second Quarter

WASH – Van Winkle 21-yard field goal

USC – Wood 21-yard field goal

Third Quarter

WASH – Perkins 27-yard pass from Hall (Van Winkle kick)

Fourth Quarter

WASH – Gaskin 1-yard run (Van Winkle kick)

USC – Jones 1-yard run (Kessler pass failed)

USC	STATISTICS	WASHINGTON
20	First Downs	17
190	Net Yards Rushing	135
156	Net Yards Passing	164
29	Passes Attempted	33
16	Passes Completed	17
2	Had Intercepted	1
68	Total Plays	69
346	Total Yards	299
6/43.7	Punts/Avg	7/42.9
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
8/62	Penalties/Yards	7/60
27:31	Time of Possession	32:29

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Gaskin (WASH) 22-134; Madden (USC) 17-120; Jones (USC) 8-65; J. Davis (USC) 8-31.

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 16-29-156; Browning (WASH) 16-32-137; Hall (WASH) 1-1-27.

RECEIVING – Smith-Schuster (USC) 6-82; Mickens (USC) 6-49; Perkins (WASH) 4-57; Jackson (USC) 3-3; J. Davis (USC) 2-36; Lenius (WASH) 2-29; Washington (WASH) 2-17; Mitchell (USC) 2-3.

GAME 6 – October 17, South Bend, Indiana
Notre Dame 41, USC 31
Att: 80,795

USC	**10**	**14**	**7**	**0**	**—**	**31**
Notre Dame	**21**	**3**	**0**	**17**	**—**	**41**

No. 14 Notre Dame scored 17 unanswered points in the final quarter to thwart a valiant comeback effort by USC and post a 41-31 victory in South Bend on a cold night (temperatures dipped into the mid-30s during the game) in front of a sold-out crowd of 80,795 and a national NBC audience.

It was Notre Dame's most points against USC since getting 49 in 1977. The Trojans were led by interim head coach **Clay Helton**, who took over earlier in the week upon the termination of Steve Sarkisian for conduct not up to the standards of a USC head coach.

USC, which trailed 21-10 late in the first half before tying it at 24-24 by halftime, held a 31-24 lead entering the fourth quarter. But Notre Dame went on a 90-yard drive to tie the score at 31-31 on a 6-yard run by RB C.J. Prosise, followed by a 91-yard drive on its next series that culminated with a 10-yard touchdown pass from QB DeSone Kizer to WR Corey Robinson. Then, on their next drive, the Irish finished the scoring by tacking on a 32-yard field goal by PK Justin Yoon following an interception.

USC had 590 yards of total offense, including a Notre Dame opponent record 440 passing, against a defense that had been allowing just 333.7 total yards and 153.5 passing yards. But the Trojans had 10 penalties, 2 turnovers, a punt blocked for a TD and a missed field goal. Notre Dame had 476 total yards (262 passing, 214 rushing) on just 60 plays.

The game got off to a wild start, with 31 points in the first quarter (ND's 21 points were its most ever in a quarter against the Trojans). USC scored on the game's opening series, with QB **Cody Kessler** running for a 3-yard score. But on Notre Dame's first play of the game, Kizer hit WR Will Fuller for a 75-yard score. USC countered right back, as PK **Alex Wood** nailed a career-long 42-yard field goal. The Irish responded with a 25-yard Prosise scoring run. Then, on USC's next series, WR Equanimeous St. Brown blocked a Trojan punt and WR Amir Carlisle returned it 5 yards for a TD late in the opening quarter (it was the first blocked punt for a touchdown against USC since the Irish did it in 2002).

Notre Dame nearly scored again at the top of the second quarter, but ILB **Cameron Smith** recovered a fumble in the end zone that was forced by CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**. Yoon's 32-yard field goal late in the second quarter upped the Irish lead to 21-10, but on USC's ensuing play WR **Jalen Greene** took a lateral and fired a 75-yard TD to WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** (career longs for both players). After USC got the ball back, Kessler hit Jackson on a short pass and Jackson raced a career-long 83 yards for a TD to tie it at 24-24 late in the half (Wood's 36-yard field goal try at the end of the half hit the left upright after the Irish called 3 timeouts to ice him).

USC built a 31-24 lead on its first possession of the second half on Kessler's 4-yard TD pass to TE **Taylor McNamara** (set up by a 65-yard run by TB **Ronald Jones**).

Kessler was 30-of-46 for 365 yards and the 2 TDs, but threw a pair of fourth quarter picks. Smith-Schuster (139 yards) and TB **Tre Madden** (47 yards) each had a game-best 6 receptions. Jones ran for 73 yards on 6 carries. Smith led USC with 11 tackles, while OLB **Su'a Cravens** added 10 stops.

For ND, Prosise ran for 143 yards on 19 carries and had 5 receptions for 32 yards, Kizer was 15-of-24 for 227 yards (he also rushed for 47 yards on 14 tries) but was sacked 4 times and Fuller caught 3 balls for 131 yards.

USC athletic director **Pat Haden** was taken from the sideline during pre-game while feeling lightheaded, but checked out okay after examination by team doctors and visiting a local hospital.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Kessler 3-yard run (Wood kick)

ND – Fuller 75-yard pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)

USC – Wood 42-yard field goal

ND – Prosise 25yard run (Yoon kick)

ND – Carlisle 5-yard run with blocked punt (Yoon kick)

Second Quarter

ND – Yoon 32-yard field goal

USC – Smith-Schuster 75-yard pass from Greene (Wood kick)

USC – Jackson 83-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

Third Quarter

USC – McNamara 4-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

Fourth Quarter

ND – Prosise 6-yard run (Yoon kick)

ND – Robinson 10-yard pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)

ND – Yoon 32-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	NOTRE DAME
19	First Downs	21
150	Net Yards Rushing	214
440	Net Yards Passing	262
47	Passes Attempted	25
31	Passes Completed	16
2	Had Intercepted	0
77	Total Plays	60
590	Total Yards	476
4/27.5	Punts/Avg	5/38.0
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
10/105	Penalties/Yards	4/40
31:08	Time of Possession	28:52

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Prosise (ND) 19-143; Jones (USC) 6-73; J. Davis (USC) 7-52; Kizer (ND) 14-47.

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 30-46-365; Kizer (ND) 15-24-227; Greene (USC) 1-1-75; Hunter (ND) 1-1-35.

RECEIVING – Smith-Schuster (USC) 6-139; Madden (USC) 6-47; Prosise (ND) 5-32; Rogers (USC) 4-34; Fuller (ND) 3-131; Burnett (USC) 3-53; Jones (ND) 3-42; Brown (ND) 3-38; J. Davis (USC) 3-23; Greene (USC) 2-22.

GAME 7 – October 24, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 42, Utah 24
Att: 73,435

Utah	**14**	**3**	**0**	**7**	**—**	**24**
USC	**7**	**21**	**7**	**7**	**—**	**42**

True freshman ILB **Cameron Smith** had 3 interceptions, including a 54-yard scoring runback late in the first half to break open the game, and USC rushed for 4 touchdowns as the Trojans defeated unbeaten No. 3 Utah, 42-24, before 73,435 fans in the Coliseum and a national FOX audience.

It was the first time an AP unranked USC team beat an AP Top-3 team since 1975 (when Troy defeated No. 2 Texas A&M in the Liberty Bowl) and the first time any USC team beat an AP Top-3 team since the 2007 Rose Bowl (following the 2006 season) when the No. 8 Trojans beat No. 3 Michigan. It was the most point surrendered by Utah in 2015, as well as USC's most points in the series since getting 51 in 1917. It kept Utah unsuccessful against USC in Los Angeles since 1916. USC interim head coach **Clay Helton** became the eighth consecutive Trojan head coach to win his first game in the Coliseum.

Smith's 3 picks were the most by a Trojan since Jason Oliver had 3 in 1991 versus Penn State. Smith, who also had a team-best 9 tackles, had 122 return yards on his interceptions, including 41 yards to set up USC's game-tying TD early in the second quarter and 27 yards in the fourth quarter.

The Trojans opened the scoring with a 9-yard run by TB **Justin Davis** midway through the first quarter. But Utah scored quickly twice late in the quarter, first on a 30-yard pass from QB Travis Wilson to WR Britain Covey and then on WR Bubba Poole's 2-yard sweep that came a play after Covey's 40-yard punt return.

It was all USC after that, as USC tied it on FB **Soma Vainuku's** 1-yard plunge after Smith's first interception, then TB **Ronald Jones'** 18-yard TD run on Troy's next possession and then Smith's scoring runback on its next series to put USC up 28-14. Utah PK Andy Phillips nailed a 53-yard field goal with 5 seconds to go in the half, the longest against the Trojans since 2006 and the longest opponent field goal in the Coliseum since 2003.

In the third quarter, USC put together a 17-play, 83-yard drive that consumed 8:53, capped by QB **Cody Kessler's** 1-yard TD sneak (it was the first time since the 2009 San Jose State game that 4 different Trojans ran for a score). Then, Kessler hit WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** with a 25-yard scoring toss on USC's next series. Late in the game, Covey took a short Wilson pass and raced 66 yards for the game's final points.

Kessler hit 75.0% of his passes (21-of-28) for 264 yards, Smith-Schuster had 8 receptions for 143 yards (both game highs), Jones ran for 73 yards on 15 carries and Davis added 66 yards on 19 tries. OLB **Su'a Cravens** had an endzone interception on Utah's final play of the game, giving USC 4 picks (its most in a game since getting 4 versus Fresno State in 2014).

USC had 380 total yards to Utah's 353 and Troy held the ball 34:50. Utah converted just 3-of-11 third downs and neither of its fourth down tries.

Wilson completed 24-of-36 passes for 254 yards for the Utes, Covey caught 7 passes for 129 yards and TB Devontae Booker ran for a season-low 62 yards on 14 tries (he also caught 6 passes for 49 yards).

USC entered the game with 5 projected starters out with injuries (WRs **Darreus Rogers** and **Steven Mitchell**, TB **Tre Madden**, OT **Chad Wheeler** and S **John Plattenburg**) and 2 others got hurt in the first half (C **Toa Lobendahn** and TE **Taylor McNamara**).

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – J. Davis 9-yard run (Wood kick)
UTAH – Covey 30-yard pass from Wilson (Phillips kick)
UTAH – Poole 2-yard run (Phillips kick)

Second Quarter

USC – Vainuku 1-yard run (Wood kick)
USC – Jones 18-yard run (Wood kick)
USC – Ca. Smith 54-yard interception return (Wood kick)
UTAH – Phillips 53-yard field goal

Third Quarter

USC – Kessler 1-yard run (Wood kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC – Smith-Schuster 25-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
UTAH – Covey 66-yard pass from Wilson (Phillips kick)

USC	STATISTICS	UTAH
21	First Downs	20
116	Net Yards Rushing	99
264	Net Yards Passing	254
29	Passes Attempted	36
21	Passes Completed	24
0	Had Intercepted	4
74	Total Plays	64
380	Total Yards	353
4/33.8	Punts/Avg	5/43.2
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/0
5/49	Penalties/Yards	4/34
34:50	Time of Possession	25:10

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Jones (USC) 15-73; J. Davis (USC) 19-66; Booker (UTAH) 14-62; Wilson 13-35.

PASSING – Wilson (UTAH) 24-36-254; Kessler (USC) 21-28-264.

RECEIVING – Smith-Schuster (USC) 8-143; Covey (UTAH) 7-129; Booker (UTAH) 6-49; Jackson (USC) 6-37; Scott (UTAH) 4-30; D. Davis (USC) 3-22; Poole (UTAH) 3-3; Singleton (UTAH) 2-18; Greene (UTAH) 2-15.

GAME 8 – October 31, Berkeley, California
USC 27, California 21
Att: 52,060

USC	**0**	**10**	**17**	**0**	**—**	**27**
California	**7**	**0**	**7**	**7**	**—**	**21**

CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** returned an interception for a touchdown, TBs **Ronald Jones** and **Tre Madden** ran for TDs and PK **Alex Wood** hit a pair of field goals to lead USC to a 27-21 victory at California on Halloween in front of 52,060 fans and a national FOX audience.

The win kept USC unbeaten against the Golden Bears since 2003.

After Cal QB Jared Goff hit WR Bryce Treggs on a 6-yard scoring pass midway through the opening quarter, USC scored the next 24 points. First, Jones burst 13 yards for a TD early in the second quarter, then Wood hit a 22-yard field goal near the end of the half. On the opening possession of the third quarter, Madden ran for a 2-yard score on fourth down. Then, on Cal's next play from scrimmage, Jackson ran back his first career pick 46 yards to put USC up 24-7. Cal responded with a 6-yard TD run by RB Daniel Lasco, but USC responded on the next series with a 43-yard Wood field goal.

The Bears closed within 6 points late in the game, but USC was able to run out the clock aided by a pair of third down conversion runs by Madden and then TB **Justin Davis**.

Jones ran for a game-best 80 yards on 11 carries, Madden added 62 yards on 14 tries and Davis had 42 yards on 15 rushes. QB **Cody Kessler** hit 81.8% of his passes (18-of-42) for 186 yards, with WR **JuJu Smith** getting 5 grabs for 55 yards and WR **Deontay Burnett** added 3 catches for 82 yards.

Goff was 23-of-31 for 277 yards but had 2 picks (including early in the fourth quarter by CB Kevon Seymour), Lasco ran for 64 yards on 15 tries, WR Trevor Davis caught 5 passes for 52 yards and Treggs had 4 grabs for 85 yards.

S **Chris Hawkins** led USC with 8 tackles.

USC had 405 total yards (185 rushing) on 73 plays while holding the ball 35:08, while Cal had 394 yards on 61 plays but converted just 2-of-9 third downs and had 3 turnovers (ILB **Lamar Dawson** forced a fumble and S **Leon McQuay** recovered it on Cal's first drive).

SCORING

First Quarter

CAL – Treggs 6-yard pass from Goff (M. Anderson kick)

Second Quarter

USC – Jones 13-yard run (Wood kick)
USC – Wood 22-yard field goal

Third Quarter

USC – Madden 2-yard run (Wood kick)
USC – Jackson 46-yard interception return (Wood kick)
CAL – Lasco 6-yard run (M. Anderson kick)
USC – Wood 43-yard field goal

Fourth Quarter

CAL – S. Anderson 9-yard pass from Goff (M. Anderson kick)

USC	STATISTICS	CALIFORNIA
22	First Downs	23
185	Net Yards Rushing	117
220	Net Yards Passing	277
23	Passes Attempted	31
19	Passes Completed	23
0	Had Intercepted	2
73	Total Plays	61
405	Total Yards	394
4/41.8	Punts/Avg	4/46.5
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
6/65	Penalties/Yards	3/26
35:08	Time of Possession	24:52

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Jones (USC) 11-80; Lasco (CAL) 15-64; Madden (USC) 14-62; J. Davis (USC) 15-42; Muhammad (CAL) 11-30; Goff (CAL) 4-23.

PASSING – Goff (CAL) 23-31-277; Kessler (USC) 18-22-186; Greene (USC) 1-1-34.

RECEIVING – Smith-Schuster (USC) 5-55; Davis (CAL) 5-52; Treggs (CAL) 4-85; Burnett (USC) 3-82; Powe (CAL) 3-43; Lawler (CAL) 3-30; S. Anderson (CAL) 3-25; Hansen (CAL) 2-26; Jackson (USC) 2-18; Mitchell (USC) 2-11.

GAME 9 – November 7, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 38, Arizona 30
Att: 76,309

Arizona	**7**	**10**	**3**	**10**	**—**	**30**
USC	**0**	**17**	**0**	**21**	**—**	**38**

USC—behind TB **Ronald Jones'** long touchdown run while setting a USC freshman game rushing yardage record, WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster's** long TD catch despite having a broken hand, TB **Justin Davis'** 2 scoring runs and a defense that limited Arizona's strong running attach to 30 yards—overcame a 14-0 deficit to defeat the Wildcats, 38-30, in front of a Homecoming crowd of 76,309 and a national ESPN audience.

It was the ninth consecutive USC-Arizona game decided by 8 points or less.

Jones, who also caught a scoring pass, ran for 177 yards on 19 carries to break LenDale White's USC frosh (true or redshirt) mark by 28 yards, Smith-Schuster had 8 receptions for 138 yards (he had surgery on his right hand on Monday of game week, as a plate with 8 screws was inserted into his hand and he wore a soft cast in the game) and Davis added 845 yards on 16 tries. QB **Cody Kessler** was 22-of-36 for 243 yards. The Trojan defense allowed Arizona, which was averaging 512.2 total yards and 265.0 on the ground, to gain just 352 total yards, including only 60 rushing.

USC fell behind 14-0 on a pair of passes from QB Anu Solomon to WRs Nate Phillips (9 yards after a Trojan fumble) and David Richards (3 yards at the top of the second quarter). But USC tied it 17-17 at halftime, first on a 25-yard field goal by PK **Alex Wood**, then on Smith-Schuster's 72-yard TD grab of a Kessler bomb a play after S **John Plattenburg's** interception and then, after Arizona PK Casey Skowron hit a 37-yard field goal, on a 9-yard Kessler toss to Jones late in the half.

The Wildcats went back ahead early in the third quarter on a 38-yard Skowron field goal. But, on the first play of the fourth quarter, Davis put USC ahead for good on a 9-yard TD run. After Skowron's 44-yard field goal, Jones jetted 74 yards for a TD and Davis added a 16-yard scoring run late in the half. Arizona closed the scoring with 10 seconds to play on Solomon's 4-yard TD pass to WR Cayleb Jones.

USC has 472 total yards (229 rushing), converted 10-of-18 third downs and posted 6 sacks.

Plattenburg and OLB **Su'a Cravens** each had a team-best 8 tackles for USC (Cravens had 2.5 tackles for loss), while DT **Antwaun Woods** had 2 sacks.

Solomon was 31-of-46 for 352 yards, RB Jared Baker ran for 63 yards on 13 attempts, Richards had 9 grabs for 86 yards, WR Johnny Jackson had 8 catches for 89 yards and Phillips added 6 receptions for 94 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter

ARIZ – Phillips 9-yard pass from Solomon (Skowron kick)

Second Quarter

ARIZ – Richards 3-yard pass from Solomon (Skowron kick)
USC – Wood 25-yard field goal
USC – Smith-Schuster 72-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
ARIZ – Skowron 37-yard field goal
USC – Jones 5-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

Third Quarter

ARIZ – Skowron 38-yard field goal

Fourth Quarter

USC – J. Davis 9-yard run (Wood kick)
ARIZ – Skowron 44-yard field goal
USC – Jones 74-yard run (Wood kick)
USC – J. Davis 16-yard run (Wood kick)
ARIZ – Jones 4-yard pass from Solomon (Skowron kick)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA
23	First Downs	24
229	Net Yards Rushing	60
243	Net Yards Passing	352
36	Passes Attempted	47
22	Passes Completed	31
0	Had Intercepted	1
76	Total Plays	79
472	Total Yards	412
5/43.0	Punts/Avg	5/43.4
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
8/70	Penalties/Yards	9/80
31:38	Time of Possession	28:22

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Jones (USC) 19-177; J. Davis (USC) 16-85; Baker (ARIZ) 13-63.

PASSING – Solomon (ARIZ) 31-46-352; Kessler (USC) 22-36-243

RECEIVING – Richards (ARIZ) 9-86; Smith-Schuster (USC) 8-138; Jackson (ARIZ) 8-89; Phillips (ARIZ) 6-94; Jackson (USC) 4-45; Baker (ARIZ) 4-39; Mitchell (USC) 4-22; Grant (ARIZ) 2-19; Hampton (USC) 2-15.

GAME 10 – November 13, Boulder, Colorado
USC 27, Colorado 24
Att: 37,905

USC	**3**	**3**	**14**	**7**	**—**	**27**
Colorado	**7**	**10**	**0**	**7**	**—**	**24**

For the second week in a row, USC overcame a 14-point deficit, this time using a trio of second half touchdown passes by QB **Cody Kessler** and a pair of big plays by DT **Delvon Simmons** to hold on for a 27-24 win at Colorado on a chilly (temperatures dipped into the mid-30s) night in front of 37,905 fans and an ESPN2 audience in Troy's first game on Friday the 13th.

It upped USC's record versus Colorado to 10-0. It was the first time since the 2015 Arizona State game that USC won after trailing by double digits at halftime.

The Trojans trailed 17-3 late in the first half before PK **Alex Wood** hit his second 22-yard field goal of the half at the intermission gun. After Wood's first field goal on USC's opening drive, Colorado scored 17 straight points, first on a 4-yard TD run by TB Phillip Lindsay late in the first quarter, then on a 9-yard pass from backup QB Cade Apsay to WR Nelson Spruce following an interception (starting QB Sefo Liufau was lost for the game with a foot injury at the end of the first quarter) and a 28-yard field goal by PK Diego Gonzalez.

But USC came roaring out of halftime by scoring 21 consecutive points on its first 3 drives, all on Kessler passes (4 yards to FB **Jahleel Pinner**, 2 yards to TE **Taylor McNamara** after DT **Antwaun Woods** recovered a fumble forced by Simmons and 36 yards to WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** a play after Simmons blocked a Buffalo field goal try early in the fourth quarter.

Colorado pulled within 3 points with 6:13 to play on Apsay's 2-yard TD toss to FB George Frazier (2 plays after Spruce's 45-yard punt return). The Buffaloes got the ball back less than 2 minutes later, but couldn't advance past their 43-yard line and USC was able to run out the clock.

Kessler was 17-of-27 for 2014 yards, TB **Justin Davis** ran for a game-high 85 yards on 14 carries, **Ronald Jones II** added 61 yards on 19 rushes, and both Smith-Schuster (66 yards) and WR **Steven Mitchell** (59 yards) each had 3 receptions.

For the USC defense, which had 6 sacks, OLB **Su'a Cravens** had 8 tackles (2 for losses) and ILB **Anthony Sarao** had 7 stops.

For CU, Apsay as 18-of-23 for 128 yards off the bench and Spruce had 7 grabs for 94 yards.

USC had more total yards (333 to 281) and limited the Buffaloes to just 59 rushing yards (just 2 in the fourth quarter).

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Wood 22-yard field goal
COLO – Lindsay 4-yard run (Gonzalez kick)

Second Quarter

COLO – Spruce 9-yard pass from Apsay (Gonzalez kick)
COLO – Gonzalez 28-yard field goal
USC – Wood 22-yard field goal

Third Quarter

USC – Pinner 4-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
USC – McNamara 2-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC – Smith-Schuster 36-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
COLO – Frazier 2-yard pass from Apsay (Gonzalez kick)

USC	STATISTICS	COLORADO
19	First Downs	21
129	Net Yards Rushing	59
204	Net Yards Passing	222
27	Passes Attempted	31
17	Passes Completed	24
1	Had Intercepted	0
64	Total Plays	67
333	Total Yards	281
5/38.0	Punts/Avg	4/43.2
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
7/40	Penalties/Yards	5/39
28:50	Time of Possession	31:10

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – J. Davis (USC) 14-85; Jones (USC) 19-61; Lee (COLO) 7-32; Carr (COLO) 7-24; Lindsay (COLO) 8-24.

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 17-27-204; Apsay (COLO) 18-23-128; Liufau (COLO) 6-8-94.

RECEIVING – Spruce (COLO) 7-94; Smith-Schuster (USC) 3-66; Mitchell (USC) 3-59; J. Davis (USC) 3-28; Fields (COLO) 3-24; Ross (COLO) 3-7.

GAME 11 – November 21, Eugene, Oregon
Oregon 48, USC 28
Att: 59,094

USC	**7**	**7**	**14**	**0**	**—**	**28**
Oregon	**14**	**17**	**7**	**10**	**—**	**48**

QB Vernon Adams Jr. threw a USC opponent record 6 touchdowns as No. 23 Oregon defeated the No. 22 Trojans on a cold (41 degrees at kickoff) day in Eugene in front of a sold-out crowd of 59,094 and a national ESPN audience.

It was the teams' first meeting since 2012 (and the first in Eugene since 2011). Despite the loss, USC remained in control of advancing to the Pac-12 Championship Game, needing a win in the regular season finale against UCLA.

Adams completed 80% of his passes (20-of-25) for 407 yards and threw his TDs to 6 different receivers. Oregon had 578 total yards (9.2 yards per play), while USC had 424. USC held the ball 34:54, but was penalized 12 times (to the Ducks' 4) and gave up 5 sacks.

The teams exchanged touchdowns early on, with Adams hitting WR Bralon Addison on a 48-yard throw midway through the opening quarter, but USC responded on the ensuring series as QB **Cody Kessler** threw a 27-yard TD to WR **Darreus Rogers**. But on Oregon's next play from scrimmage, Adams found TE Evan Baylis for a 52-yard score late in the quarter. USC came right back, as Kessler hit TE **Tyler Petite** on a 12-yard TD early in the second quarter.

The Ducks scored on their final 3 possessions of the half to go up 31-14, first a 37-yard Adams TD toss to WR Darren Carrington, then a 30-yard Adams touchdown aerial to RB Kani Benoit and then a 37-yard field goal by PK Aidan Schneider with 1 second to go. Oregon had the ball only 9:28 in the first half, but had 407 total yards.

The teams traded touchdowns to open the second half, with Adams finding WR Dwayne Stanford for a 21-yard score and then TB **Ronald Jones** jetting 12 yards for a TD. USC pulled within 38-28 late in the third quarter on CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson's** 41-yard scoring punt return. But, after recovering a fumble on USC's next possession early in the fourth quarter, Oregon added to its lead on Adams' 26-yard TD pass to S-WR Charles Nelson on the next play. The Ducks added a 22-yard Schneider field goal on their next drive to finish the scoring.

Kessler was 30-of-41 for 238 yards, including 7 passes to WR **Steven Mitchell** (31 yards), 6 to WR **De'Quan Hampton** (47 yards) and 5 each to WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** (57 yards) and Rogers (53 yards). TB **Justin Davis** ran for a career-best 141 yards on 16 carries and Jones added 56 yards on 14 tries. ILB **Olajuwon Tucker**, in his first career start, had 9 tackles (2.5 for losses, with 1.5 sacks) and S **Chris Hawkins** had an interception.

Oregon RB Royce Freeman had 147 yards on 20 carries, while Addison caught 5 passes for 105 yards, Carrington had 4 for 66 yards and Stanford had 4 for 57 yards.

USC players entered the field carrying U.S. and French flags and wore stickers of both countries' flags on the back of their helmets in honor of the victims of the recent Paris terrorist attacks.

SCORING

First Quarter

ORE – Addison 48-yard pass from Adams (Schneider kick)
USC – Rogers 27-yard pass from Kessler (Boermeester kick)
ORE – Baylis 52-yard pass from Adams (Schneider kick)

Second Quarter

USC – Petite 12-yard pass from Kessler (Boermeester kick)
ORE – Carrington 37-yard pass from Adams (Schneider kick)
ORE – Benoit 30-yard pass from Adams (Schneider kick)
ORE – Schneider 37-yard field goal

Third Quarter

ORE – Stanford 21-yard pass from Adams (Schneider kick)
USC – Jones 12-yard run (Boermeester kick)
USC – Jackson 41-yard punt return (Boermeester kick)

Fourth Quarter

ORE – Nelson 26-yard pass from Adams (Schneider kick)
ORE – Schneider 22-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	OREGON
24	First Downs	28
186	Net Yards Rushing	171
238	Net Yards Passing	407
41	Passes Attempted	25
30	Passes Completed	20
0	Had Intercepted	1
79	Total Plays	63
424	Total Yards	578
6/39.0	Punts/Avg	4/37.2
3/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
12/124	Penalties/Yards	4/42
34:54	Time of Possession	25:06

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Freeman (ORE) 20-147; J. Davis (USC) 16-141; Jones (USC) 14-56; Griffin (ORE) 5-27; Benoit (ORE) 4-16.

PASSING – Adams (ORE) 20-25-407; Kessler (USC) 30-41-238.

RECEIVING – Mitchell (USC) 7-31; Hampton (USC) 6-47; Addison (ORE) 5-105; Smith-Schuster (USC) 5-57; Rogers (USC) 5-53; Carrington (ORE) 4-66; Stanford (ORE) 4-57; J. Davis (USC) 3-24; Baylis (ORE) 2-62; Freeman (ORE) 2-50; Petite (USC) 2-18.

GAME 12 – November 28, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 40, UCLA 21
Att: 83,602

UCLA	**7**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**—**	**21**
USC	**3**	**17**	**13**	**7**	**—**	**40**

QB **Cody Kessler** threw 2 touchdowns, TB **Justin Davis** ran for 130 yards, CB **Iman Marshall** had 2 interceptions, CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** returned a punt for a TD for the second game in a row, DE **Rasheem Green** returned a fumble for a TD, PK **Alex Wood** had a pair of field goals and USC held the ball for more than 40 minutes to defeat No. 22 UCLA, 40-21, in front of 83,602 fans in the Coliseum and a national audience on ABC and ESPN2.

The win not only gave the Trojans a share of the Pac-12 South Division title and a berth in their first Pac-12 Championship game, but it snapped a 3-game losing skid to the Bruins and sent USC's 25 seniors out in style in their final home game.

USC allowed the Bruins to hold the ball just 19:59, including just 1:15 in the fourth quarter when they had only 6 plays and 11 total yards. USC had 410 total yards (235 rushing) on 85 plays, while UCLA had 367 total yards on 66 plays while converting just 4-of-14 third downs.

USC opened the game's scoring on Wood's 30-yard field goal midway through the first quarter, but UCLA went ahead on TB Paul Perkins' 19-yard fourth-down TD run late in the quarter. The teams then exchanged second quarter touchdowns, first on Kessler's 1-yard TD sneak and then on QB Josh Rosen's 19-yard scoring toss to WR Thomas Duarte. USC pulled within a point late in the half on Wood's 21-yard field goal and then went into intermission with a 20-14 lead on Jackson's 42-yard scoring punt return.

The Bruins retook a 1-point lead midway through the third quarter on Perkins' 1-yard run but the Trojans scored the game's final 20 points aided by a pair of UCLA miscues. DE **Claude Pelon** sacked Rosen on the Bruins' next possession and Green recovered the ball and rumbled 31 yards for a TD. Then, after Marshall picked off Rosen on UCLA's ensuing drive (snapping Rosen's streak of throws without a pick at a school-record 246), Kessler found WR **Darreus Rogers** for a 20-yard TD aerial late in the third quarter. Kessler hit TE **Taylor McNamara** with a 7-yard scoring pass midway through the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

Kessler was 15-of-26 for 175 yards, 100 of Davis's 130 yards (on 25 carries) came in the fourth quarter as USC was killing the clock, TB **Ronald Jones II** added 63 yards on 17 carries while setting the USC freshman season rushing yardage record and WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** had a game-best 6 catches for 85 yards. Jackson and OLB **Uchenna Nwosu** each had a team-best 6 tackles.

For UCLA, Rosen was 19-of-37 for 227 yards, while Perkins ran for 95 yards on 17 carries and caught 5 passes for 36 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Wood 30-yard field goal
UCLA – Perkins 19-yard run (Fairbairn kick)

Second Quarter

USC – Kessler 1-yard run (Wood kick)
UCLA – Duarte 19-yard pass from Rosen (Fairbairn kick)
USC – Wood 21-yard field goal
USC – Jackson 42-yard punt return (Wood kick)

Third Quarter

UCLA – Perkins 1-yard run (Fairbairn kick)
USC – Green 31-yard fumble recovery (Kessler pass failed)
USC – Rogers 20-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC – McNamara 7-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

USC	STATISTICS	UCLA
24	First Downs	23
345	Net Yards Rushing	140
175	Net Yards Passing	227
26	Passes Attempted	37
15	Passes Completed	19
0	Had Intercepted	2
85	Total Plays	66
410	Total Yards	367
7/40.1	Punts/Avg	7/37.7
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
7/56	Penalties/Yards	6/30
40:01	Time of Possession	19:59

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – J. Davis (USC) 25-130; Perkins (UCLA) 17-95; Jones (USC) 17-63; Starks (UCLA) 6-53; Madden (USC) 7-32.

PASSING – Rosen (UCLA) 19-37-227; Kessler (USC) 15-26-175.

RECEIVING – Smith-Schuster (USC) 6-85; Perkins (UCLA) 5-36; Payton (UCLA) 4-60; Andrews (UCLA) 4-39; Duarte (UCLA) 3-63; Rogers (USC) 2-32; Fuller (UCLA) 2-26; Madden (USC) 2-15; McNamara (USC) 2-14.

GAME 13 – December 5, Santa Clara, California
Pac-12 Championship Game
Stanford 41, USC 22
Att: 58,476

USC	**0**	**3**	**13**	**6**	**—**	**22**
Stanford	**3**	**10**	**14**	**14**	**—**	**41**

RB Christian McCaffery had 461 all-purpose yards while running for a touchdown, catching another and even and throwing a TD to lead No. 7 Stanford to a 41-22 victory over No. 24 USC in the Pac-12 Championship Game in front of 58,476 fans in Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara (Calif.) and a national ESPN audience.

McCaffery eclipsed Barry Sanders' NCAA season all-purpose yardage record during the game, as he had 207 yards on 32 carries with a TD, 105 yards on 4 receptions with another score, 120 yards on 5 kickoff returns and 29 yards on 2 punt returns (he also threw an 11-yard TD) en route to setting a USC opponent game all-purpose yardage mark.

The Trojans, in their first Pac-12 Championship Game after winning the Pac-12 South Division title, were playing their first contest under new permanent head coach **Clay Helton**, who had the interim tag removed from his title earlier in the week.

Stanford had 417 total yards (262 rushing) while holding the ball 35:42 and not having a turnover. USC gained 357 total yards, but converted just 4-of-11 third downs.

It was all Stanford in the first half, but USC pulled ahead in the third quarter before the Cardinal regained control. USC had just one possession (running off just 2:25 of time) in the first quarter and had only 8:52 of possession time in the first half.

The Cardinal scored on their first 3 series in the opening half, first on a 30-yard field goal by PK Conrad Ukropina, then on McCaffrey's 11-yard toss to QB Kevin Hogan followed by a 23-yard Ukropina field goal midway through the second quarter (USC stopped Stanford on the 6-yard line on their fourth drive). USC got on the board late in the half on a 40-yard field goal by PK **Alex Wood** to trail by 13-3.

The Trojans scored TDs on their first 2 possessions of the second half to take a 16-13 lead, first on a 1-yard pass from QB **Cody Kessler** to FB **Jahleel Pinner** and then on TB **Ronald Jones'** 27-yard run. But Stanford came right back to take back the lead, first getting a 7-yard TD run by Hogan and then on USC's ensuing possession ILB Blake Martinez forced a fumble that DE-DT Solomon Thomas returned 34 yards for a score late in the third quarter to go up 27-16.

USC narrowed the margin to 27-22 on its next series as Kessler sprinted 12 yards for a TD early in the fourth quarter, but Troy could get no closer as Stanford scored on its next 2 drives (a 28-yard Hogan-to-McCaffrey pass and then a 10-yard McCaffrey run).

Kessler was 22-of-37 for 187 yards, with WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** catching a career-best 11 balls for 87 yards. TB **Justin Davis** ran for 99 yards on 17 tries and Jones added 50 on 6 carries. ILB **Olajuwon Tucker** had a game-best 13 tackles.

Hogan completed 9-of-12 passes for 144 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter

STAN – Ukropina 30-yard field goal

Second Quarter

STAN – Hogan 11-yard pass from McCaffrey (Ukropina kick)
STAN – Ukropina 23-yard field goal
USC – Wood 40-yard field

Third Quarter

USC – Pinner 1-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick blocked)
USC – Jones 27-yard run (Wood kick)
STAN – Hogan 7-yard run (Ukropina kick)
STAN – Thomas 34-yard fumble return (Ukropina kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC – Kessler 12-yard run (Madden run failed)
STAN – McCaffrey 28-yard pass from Hogan (Ukropina kick)
STAN – McCaffrey 10-yard run (Ukropina kick)

USC	STATISTICS	STANFORD
25	First Downs	20
170	Net Yards Rushing	262
187	Net Yards Passing	155
37	Passes Attempted	13
22	Passes Completed	10
0	Had Intercepted	0
69	Total Plays	64
357	Total Yards	417
3/43.3	Punts/Avg	1/33.0
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
7/62	Penalties/Yards	7/58
24:18	Time of Possession	35:42

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – McCaffrey (STAN) 32-207; J. Davis (USC) 17-99; Jones (USC) 6-50.

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 22-37-187; Hogan (STAN) 9-12-144; McCaffrey (STAN) 1-1-11.

RECEIVING – Smith-Schuster (USC) 11-87; McCaffrey (STAN) 4-105; Rogers (USC) 4-35; Mitchell (USC) 3-39; J. Davis (USC) 2-20; Rector (STAN) 2-12; Hooper (STAN) 2-9.

TROJANS IN THE NEWS

Zach by nature, 'Incredible Hulk' by kickoff

By Ben Albert, Daily Trojan, Sept. 10, 2015

Many fans keenly look forward to USC gameday each week, but their experience is one far removed from that of the players leading up to kickoff.

For redshirt junior offensive lineman Zach Banner, the contrast could not be any more pronounced.

Unlike many students on game days — who often aim to overlap with as many friends as possible before kickoff — Banner completely shuts himself off from the outside world, switching his phone onto "airplane mode" and using the device solely for music.

Before he does that, though, Banner places two calls: one to home to talk with his parents and another to his uncle, who resides in Texas.

"Calling my parents and my Uncle Mark in the morning when I wake up helps get me in the mindset that I am playing for my family, not just myself," Banner said. "After that, I put my phone on airplane mode and cut the rest of the world off. It's all about football from that point forward."

For someone who proudly likens himself to the Incredible Hulk — not only because he shares a last name with the fictional Marvel Comics scientist-turned-big-green-fighting-machine Bruce Banner, but also because of his towering 6-foot-9, 357-pound build and forceful, overpowering plays in the football trenches — Zach's weekly withdrawal serves very much as a comic-like foreshadowing. The extreme focus and relative silence before games preface the moment in which Banner will storm out of the Coliseum tunnel and, much like Bruce Banner, begin to activate his "beast contained within."

The intensity and grit with which Banner approaches the game of football derives from an inner drive to be the best offensive lineman in the country and an understanding that his success in reaching that goal will come not from the size of the dog in the fight, but from the amount of fight in the dog.

"It's all about what's on the inside," Banner said of why he has been successful as a football player. "It's about the will to be the best, the will to be great. Ignore the size — that's automatic, a given. It's about having the need and the desire to have a great career — not just a good career — and the understanding that I have to work hard for it. It's not going to just come easy."

While Banner's pregame preparation necessitates the removal of non-football related interactions in order to fully focus his mind and body, he is also well-known for his Hulk-sized kindness and infectiously magnetic personality on days not beginning with the word "game."

Often seen sharing a laugh or conversing with students, coaches and faculty, it is little surprise that down the road — whenever it comes time to hang up the pads for the final time — Zach hopes to use his charismatic gifts to pursue a career on-screen.

"After football, I really want to go into broadcast journalism," Banner said. "I have a passion to stay around sports and to create a good character for myself on camera. I idolize the things that Shaquille O'Neal is doing in basketball and would love to do that for the sport of football."

Widely considered to be a strong NFL prospect, it may be a while until Banner uses his on-screen talents to pursue an off-field career. However, his willingness to use his voice is one that is already paying dividends for him in a big way.

"Being so vocal makes it easy to build relationships," Banner said. "I think that's why people trust me and want to work with me. They know that I'm both a fun guy but also that I'm going to work hard."

On the practice field, Banner can be audibly heard along the offensive line communicating play calls, helping raise the level of intensity and mentoring some of the less-experienced underclassmen.

His verbal leadership has been especially welcome over the last few months during a coaching transition in which former Oklahoma State and 20-year coaching veteran Bob Connelly was brought in to replace former USC offensive line coach and current Michigan offensive coordinator Tim Drevno.

In a situation that could have set the Trojan offensive line back a few steps heading into a season widely hoped to be "the return of dominant USC football," Connelly has instead helped revitalize the O-Line unit, pushing it in a positive direction.

Much of that, Banner said, is due to the way in which Connelly interacts with players, which channels the way in which he himself tries to interact with others.

"He's the best offensive line coach I've ever had, and I mean that," Banner said. "He not only knows his stuff in terms of the X's and O's, but he also knows how to build relationships, just like I try to do. He knows how to care about you on and off the field."

It certainly helps that the group of guys Connelly inherited — Banner included — feature a mix of both young and experienced talent who possess a determination to improve.

"We've got a great leader and four-year player in Max Tuerk, and two guys who came in at the same time as him, but redshirted like myself and Chad Wheeler," Banner said. "Max is the best center in the country, and Chad and I have a hunger to be just as good as he is and be the best in the country at our respective positions — left and right tackle."

Banner's confidence in the offensive line is reflective of a broader sentiment permeating through the USC football team this year. Despite the hype, media spotlight and inflated expectations that come with being a premier sports program at a top collegiate institution — and one that happens to reside in the second largest city and TV market in the country — Banner feels that the team is successfully blocking out potential distractions and instead focusing on themselves.

He attributes this to strong parity between players and coaches in moving toward their goal to win the Pac-12 championship for the first time since 2008 and subsequently earn a berth in the College Football Playoff. At the core of this quest, Banner said, is a team-wide understanding and mindset that they are playing for something bigger than individual success.

"Hopefully, we will have a ring to show for what we have done," he said. "But ultimately, we are a great university with a great tradition, not a school full of individuals."

And for his team, when the pads are put on and the lights are switched on, the Zach Banner that many know and love transforms. And when that happens, no one is safe.

"I become the Incredible Hulk," Banner says. "Everyone dies. Hulk smash."

Standout Su'a Cravens gives USC more safety at linebacker

By Gary Klein, Los Angeles Times, Nov. 5, 2015

Chris Claiborne saw Su'a Cravens' potential. Cravens knew Claiborne's resume.

When Cravens joined Claiborne's passing-league team before his senior year in high school, he was a two-way star and top college prospect.

Claiborne, a first-round NFL draft pick who played eight pro seasons, is the only USC player to win the Butkus Award, presented annually to college football's top linebacker.

Four years later, Cravens, 20, is USC's strongside linebacker and one of 10 semifinalists for the Butkus Award.

"I wouldn't even think I would be in this position," Cravens said.

Or, for that matter, playing the linebacker position.

"I still don't consider myself a linebacker," said Cravens, a 6-foot-1, 225-pound junior. "I consider myself a safety playing linebacker."

Claiborne chuckled when informed of Cravens' comment.

Like everyone who has watched Cravens evolve during his three seasons at USC, Claiborne has seen Cravens adapt his playmaking skills after coaches moved him from safety before the 2014 season.

"He's gotten so much better since he embraced it," Claiborne said.

Cravens was selected first-team all-conference last season and is on track to repeat. He is the second-leading tackler and has a team-best 7 1/2 tackles for losses for a rejuvenated team that knocked off previously unbeaten Utah two weeks ago and is in contention for the South Division title under interim Coach Clay Helton.

"He may be the best defender in the Pac-12," said Utah Coach Kyle Whittingham, who is distantly related to Cravens by marriage. "We didn't fare very well against USC, obviously, and Su'a was a big reason for that."

Stanford Coach David Shaw said Cravens could play any position on defense other than interior line.

"There are so many things he does that are uncanny," Shaw said. "No matter who's blocking him, he can get off of it…. He's fast enough to catch up to anybody…. He's one of those guys you have to take notice of on every play, and you have to be careful with the ball because he'll take it away from you."

Arizona Coach Rich Rodriguez is preparing to face Cravens and the Trojans on Saturday night at the Coliseum.

"There's not a weakness or even a shade of weakness in anything in his game," Rodriguez said. "If you didn't have to play him, he'd be a lot more fun to watch."

Cravens credits Claiborne, the 1998 Butkus Award winner, with helping to mold him, though the process wasn't always smooth.

During early workouts together, Claiborne told Cravens he did not back-paddle, he shuffled. He told him to open his hips, to get his eyes out of the backfield.

"The first couple of months with him we would argue back and forth," Cravens said. "We were butting heads because he's a competitor and I'm a competitor."

Said Claiborne: "He thought he knew it all because he was so good among his peers."

Cravens developed into one of the nation's top high school players at Vista Murrieta High and was selected as the USA Today defensive player of the year.

He graduated early and enrolled at USC in January 2013 and became a Freshman All-American. Cravens appeared on his way to fulfilling a goal by joining safeties such as Troy Polamalu and Ronnie Lott in Trojans lore.

But when linebacker Jabari Ruffin suffered a season-ending knee injury during training camp last year, Cravens was moved to linebacker.

He initially resisted the change, but came around after speaking with his father and Claiborne.

"I told him it was about development," Claiborne said, "and 'Hey, you're not the same little scrawny kid you were when you left high school. You're going to move closer to the ball and make as many plays as you can.'"

Said Cravens: "I'd be stupid to ignore one of the USC legends' advice."

Cravens has found a home at linebacker — "I'm playing the position I want to play because I want to win," he said — but foresees his future as an NFL safety in the mold of the Seattle Seahawks' Kam Chancellor.

"When it comes to the run game, I think I'm going to be a lot more improved than most [defensive backs] because they've never really been in the box," he said.

Cravens said he also has grown from navigating his way through the tumult of the last three seasons at USC, which have featured the firing of coach Lane Kiffin, the hiring and firing of Steve Sarkisian and Helton's second stint as interim coach.

"It's a complete 180 from what I thought was going to happen," he said. "But then I came to USC for much more than football, much more than a coach or for what anybody could try to sell me on in a recruiting pitch.

"I came here because I loved SC. I grew up [in Los Angeles] for a little bit. SC was in my blood."

Claiborne played three seasons at USC before the Detroit Lions made him the ninth pick in the 1999 draft.

Cravens maintains that he has not made a decision about whether he will make himself available for the 2016 NFL draft. He said he would consider factors such as his degree status, who the next USC head coach might be, "the whole situation in its entirety."

"I'm not going to go out to the draft if I'm a third-round draft pick," he said. "I'm not going to be stupid and chase money and break my leg and then what? I'm back here with no eligibility to play.

"I'm not going to think about it until the season is over."

Cravens still has a goal of winning a national title, of returning USC "to the way it was when I was watching it as a little kid…. I want it to be great again."

Regardless of whether his USC career ends after this season or next, he hopes his legacy goes beyond what he accomplishes on the field.

"I would hope that everybody remembers me as I was SC first, before anything," he said. "SC all the way…. I was down for the school through thick and thin, and I'll always be."

USC's Adoree' Jackson never forgets the 618 area code

By Gary Klein, Los Angeles Times, Dec. 3, 2015

Adoree' Jackson heard the train coming, felt the vibrations in his feet.

And so, like he did most days while growing up on South High Street, he took off running.

Friends looked on as the 8-year-old raced down the block toward his home, located just on the other side of the railroad crossing. Some screamed and begged him to stop as the warning gates dropped. Then, realizing he was determined to make it to avoid being late getting home, they cheered him on.

"I knew I was going to get in trouble," Jackson says, chuckling. "It's either I make it, or just get hit by the train because I'm going to be in trouble anyway."

Jackson sped over the asphalt, found an extra gear and leaped across the tracks, beating the locomotive.

"I have never seen a kid run as fast in my life," says Chris Thompson, who grew up on High Street and now works around the corner at Imo's Pizza. "He shot right in front of the train!

"He's like, 'Did you guys see that? I beat the train!' I'm like 'Oh … my … God!'" Jackson never attempted a repeat, but the speed and daredevil mentality that made it possible have been on display nearly every time he has stepped onto a football field since he was 10.

USC football fans caught glimpses last season when Jackson returned two kickoffs for touchdowns as a freshman. Those qualities surfaced again the last two weeks on punt returns for touchdowns against Oregon and UCLA.

On Saturday, Jackson will have his biggest stage yet when USC plays Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship game at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif.

It's another star-turn opportunity for a player who became a highly sought recruit at Gardena Serra High.

Just don't call Jackson a West Coast product.

Christopher and Vianca's youngest son is unfailingly polite, but he noticeably recoils when characterized as a Californian.

In his heart, Jackson never left Belleville, located just up the road — via one of the longest Main Streets in the United States — from struggling East St. Louis, where he spent many joyful hours at his grandmother's former home and where his family still attends church.

Jackson speaks often of parlaying whatever success he enjoys in the future into giving back to the community that helped raise him.

During games, he wears eye-black emblazoned with "618," the area code for Belleville and East St. Louis.

"I always wanted to be a hometown hero," he says.

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As motorists leave St. Louis and drive above the Mississippi River heading east, they eventually pass a sign to the left that reads "Welcome to Belleville."

To Jackson, 20, it's more than a gateway marker.

"I always used to say I want my name on it or under it," Jackson says.

Jackson left Belleville after his freshman year in high school, encouraged by his older sister and her husband to come to California, face better competition and take advantage of athletic and educational opportunity at Serra.

It was not easy to leave.

Not after growing up on a street of tightknit families and more than 20 kids, who hung together and played outside from sunrise till well after dark.

"Coming up on High Street, everybody was like a unit, a family," says Santoro "Flip" Underwood, one of Jackson's closest friends.

The kids, old and young, played touch football on a vacant lot. Basketball in Jackson's yard. Tag, ding-dong-ditch and hide-and-seek all over the block.

They rode "Frankenstein" bikes cobbled together from junkyard parts. They headed, en masse, to a store around the corner for giant bags of candy, and to a laundromat for a vending machine that featured RC Cola.

Mostly, they ran up and down the block. All day long.

"Sometimes the boys would get tired of us girls," says Neacie Thompson, 18, "but we were always together."

When the street lights came on, the crowd often congregated at the Thompsons' house, where their mother Mary always had food cooking.

"If their parents couldn't find them," Mary says, "they knew to come to my door."

On the weekends, friends slept over at the Jacksons, drawn by the camaraderie and his mother's Saturday breakfasts.

"A pound of bacon, rice, eggs," Vianca Jackson says, recounting her son's morning staples, "and don't forget the pancakes."

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Vianca Jackson named her second son Adoree' based on a suggestion from her sister.

"It sounded like adorable," says Vianca, who also calls him Sweet Pea.

The Jacksons noticed their baby boy's athleticism early. He constantly mimicked the stunts he saw during what they describe as near-endless viewings of the movie "Space Jam," which starred Michael Jordan.

"We had a California king bed and he jumped over the bed without touching it," Christopher, a cement mason, says during an interview in the family's living room. "He takes a running start and there he goes. Just straight over, like Michael Jordan."

Jackson performed similar stunts after he watched Reggie Bush play for USC on TV, or when he played video games as the Trojans.

Friends of his older brother Chris initially were not thrilled when Jackson tagged along outside.

"Before we let him play with us, he would take the ball and throw it and then go run after it," recalls Elgin Johnson, 27. "He'd make all these little cuts and curves and no one could catch him."

As Jackson got older, it also was difficult to keep pace on the basketball court.

"In the seventh grade he said, 'Big bro, watch this' — and he dunked," Chris says. "He did it with ease. I'm going, 'Oh yeah, he's got talent.'"

Jackson was 10 the first time he played organized football for the Belleville Knights. He was the first player selected in the draft and played running back and middle linebacker.

Brian Buehlhorn, his coach, said he still uses a play that he named after Jackson. The offense would line up with three receivers to one side, and Jackson would take a pitch and run behind them, more often than not to the end zone.

"We always call it the Adoree' play," Buehlhorn says.

Jackson has lasting memories of that first football experience and the teammates he played with.

One, Jeremiah Radford, died from cancer before his sophomore year in high school. To honor him, Jackson wore Radford's No. 21 throughout his own high school career at Serra, thousands of miles away.

"We were a duo," Jackson says. "They called him Thunder. I was Lightning."

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Friends and coaches say Jackson appears at ease in any situation, a byproduct he says, of where he grew up.

He fondly recalls the time he spent in East St. Louis, which is 98% African American. In Belleville, he attended Westhaven Elementary School and Central Junior High, where about 60% of the student population is Caucasian.

"I've always been the type of guy who can hang out with anybody and want to make friends," Jackson says. "Skin color and whatnot didn't make a difference to me."

At Westhaven, teachers still recount with excitement the day Jackson came by before he left for college.

"He is exactly why we go into teaching," Marie Davis, his sixth-grade teacher, says outside her classroom.

Jackson was a bundle of energy who could not wait to participate as a fourth-grader in the annual districtwide Field Day competition, which featured track and field events.

The first time he lined up for the standing long jump, he flew over a taped line marker and into a crowd of stunned parents.

"He'd go run and do a flip and I'd say, 'We're not really supposed to do that…. OK, do it again,'" Michelle Lindsay, Jackson's fourth-grade teacher, says laughing.

Trisha Maddox said Jackson was never late with homework in the fifth grade because the penalty was no recess.

"He *had* to go to recess," she says.

Jackson also was a bright student, if one who needed occasional motivation.

"He was always in the front row," Beth Junker says in the hallway outside her eighth-grade classroom. "He'd stretch and look at me and shake his head and say, 'I'm not going to need this. I'm going to the NFL.'

"I'd say 'I don't care…. You're going to be educated.'"

Bill Wright was Jackson's eighth-grade basketball coach and also helped introduce him to organized track and field.

Wright saw a gifted young athlete who was as much a leader as a performer.

"I felt like he had been told, 'You're great, you're awesome,'" Wright says in his office. "I said, 'Hey, you know how good you are. You probably don't understand how good you can be.'"

Jackson says the teachers and coaches kept him "on the right path."

"They wanted to see me do better for myself," he says, "because they thought I had potential."

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Jackson attended Belleville East High for a year before he moved to California to live with his sister and attend Serra, which produced USC players such as All-American receivers Robert Woods and Marqise Lee.

He starred in football and track and field, and also played basketball for the Cavaliers on his way to becoming a jewel in USC's 2014 recruiting class.

Last season, the 5-foot-11, 185-pound Jackson was named a Freshman All-American after starting at cornerback and also playing receiver and kick returner for the Trojans. He punctuated his first season by scoring two touchdowns against Nebraska in the Holiday Bowl, one he finished with a flip into the end zone.

Jackson has scored five touchdowns this season: two on pass receptions, two on the recent punt returns and one on a spectacular interception return.

"He's like the Tasmanian Devil," childhood friend Neacie Thompson says. "Once those legs get to moving, there is no stopping him."

Jackson, with no boastfulness, has said that he wants to win the Heisman Trophy, the Thorpe Award as college football's top defensive back and make the U.S. Olympic team as a long jumper.

After the season, he will return home periodically, stay with his parents on High Street and meet his friends at Imo's Pizza. They will make him a Canadian bacon pie and talk easily about what's new in their lives.

But first, Jackson will try to help the Trojans to their first Rose Bowl appearance since 2008.

His friends, family and former teachers follow him on social media, and they will be watching him on television on Saturday against Stanford.

"Even when I feel like I don't do anything in the game, they just see my face, always wearing 618 on my eyes, so they're excited about that," Jackson says.

"That's the main thing I want to do. Just let people know I'll never change, and never forget where I came from."

The Trojans Horse: Cody Kessler is following his USC QB predecessors in his own way

By Lee Jenkins, Sports Illustrated, Sept. 14, 2015

Down the Third Street Promenade, past the violinist and the flutist, the drummer and the dancer, the painter and the mime, a cowboy named Red sings Cody Kessler's song. Red Benson has played the Promenade for almost a decade, usually perched on a stool between Starbucks and Barney's Beanery, in a white Stetson and a leather vest, the American flag at his back and a Martin guitar against his knee. Red is a 66-year-old Vietnam veteran with a snowy beard that reminds passersby of Uncle Jesse from *The Dukes of Hazzard* and a soulful voice that recalls a place far from the Santa Monica Pier lit up three blocks away. "When you hear him," says Anthony Jeremiah, who patrols the Promenade as an ambassador, "you feel like you're at a campfire in the Old West."

Four years ago, after dinner at Johnny Rockets, a homesick USC freshman was lured by Red's warm lilt and longhorn belt buckle. The kid came from Bakersfield, land of Merle Haggard and Buck Owens, oil wells and almond farms, Steinbeck novels and stock car races. He was an athlete, not an Aggie, but he grew up a block from an alfalfa field where sheep provided the morning soundtrack. His father worked graveyard shifts at the state prison. His grandmother migrated from Oklahoma after the Joads. USC sat only 100 miles from Bakersfield, but it might as well have been on another planet, where students spotted the Justin boots and asked if he went cow-tipping on weekends. "I felt different," he says, "like an underdog."

He plopped down on the curb outside Johnny Rockets, nodded along to Red's country staples, and put in a request for his favorite Merle tune: "Mama Tried." He sang in unison, apparently loud enough that Red asked where he was from, and when he left the Promenade that night, Los Angeles felt a little bit smaller. He kept going back, with a buddy from Bakersfield who played baseball at Cal State Northridge, and eventually introduced himself as Cody Kessler. He always asked for "Mama Tried" and always flipped a fiver into Red's tobacco can. "I looked up to him," Kessler says, "partly because he is such a cool guy but also because he reminded me of home. I wanted him to remember me."

Last spring Kessler finally told Red that he was a USC quarterback, a startling revelation on a few levels. From Todd Marinovich to Rob Johnson, Carson Palmer to Matt Leinart, Mark Sanchez to Matt Barkley, virtually every notable USC signal-caller in the past quarter century sprouted out of the manicured Orange County suburbs. They stood between 6' 2" and 6' 5", with arms engineered for deep outs, nurtured by personal coaches and polished in seven-on-seven passing leagues. Kessler was another kind of prodigy. He was only 6' 1", and he probably needed Waze to find Newport Beach, but he threw with Clayton Kershaw control. When USC recruited him out of Centennial High School, his coach asked, "Will it be an issue that he's not from Orange County?" The Trojans already had Max Wittek, a 6' 4" flamethrower from Mater Dei High, the nationally acclaimed alma mater of Leinart and Barkley.

No issue. Kessler has become a deadeye marvel for the Trojans, tossing 39 touchdowns as a junior last year with only five interceptions while setting single-season school records for completions (315), completion percentage (69.7) and interception rate (1.1%). He is a product of the analytical age, emphasizing efficiency and minimizing risk, fuming when the ball so much as touches the turf. "Post to the right hash," he grumbles, when quizzed about a rare misfire at practice, just beyond the fingertips of junior receiver Isaac Whitney. "I know exactly what you're talking about." He allows himself no more than one pick for every 100 passes and geeks out over video of Drew Brees in 2011, when the Saints' QB completed 71.2% of his throws. "Cody is frustrating to practice against," says junior linebacker Su'a Cravens, "because he doesn't make mistakes."

Kessler appreciates 40-yard fly patterns as much as the next gunslinger, but he will inform you that he averaged 11.2 yards on checkdown passes to running backs last season, proof that prudence doesn't have to diminish production. "He likes that stat a lot," says offensive coordinator Clay Helton. Kessler has moved the chains for USC, through three head coaches in two years, and he has spared the defense when scholarship reductions—the result of NCAA sanctions over improper benefits—limited depth.

Red calls himself a USC fan, since his father attended the school, but he stopped following the team when it was put on probation in 2010. He had to catch up on Kessler's exploits through YouTube. Kessler is nobody's underdog anymore. He has guided the eighth-ranked Trojans back to respectability and, perhaps, prominence. USC thrashed Arkansas State in the opener 55–6 behind four touchdowns from Kessler on 19-of-26 passing. Red, who was in Mexico visiting his girlfriend, could not catch the game but asked his son to record it. "I'll be watching now," he says.

On the last Saturday before his senior season Kessler left a practice at the Coliseum and considered how to spend one final night of freedom. Oh, the many options available to a USC quarterback. He hopped in his 2004 GMC Sierra pickup with *The Best of Buck Owens* CD that his grandma gave him last Christmas. He planned to head up Interstate 5, through the Tehachapi Mountains and into the San Joaquin Valley, until the smell of fresh fertilizer flooded his nostrils. "Nice and pungent," he said, faking a whiff. There was a football game at Liberty High, maybe dinner at Salty's BBQ, Sunday-morning service at Valley Baptist Church, with a sermon sure to steady him for the Heisman hype and playoff chatter to come. "Back to where it all started," he said, to the bottom of California's bread basket, where all those newfangled farm-to-table joints are made possible. He turned on the ignition. The truck screeched. The battery was dead. Alas, so was his Saturday night.

There was no going back.

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In the spring of 2007, Pete Carroll was in Bakersfield speaking at Hoffman Hospice's annual fundraiser. Afterward, as the USC coach signed autographs and posed for pictures in a banquet room, Don Kessler piped up: "When you're recruiting, what do you look for in a quarterback?" Carroll stopped signing. "I don't care how big you are, how tall you are and how far you can throw," he said, as if addressing a young Russell Wilson, "I look for a catchable ball."

Don had recently retired from Wasco State Prison, where he was a corrections officer overseeing inmates, leading them to the commissary and the yard. On the 35-minute commute home he and his carpool companions listened to jazz, which smoothed the transition from guard to dad. Don's son was a basketball player, a shaggy-haired floor general with radar vision, and if there was one thing he could do, it was deliver a catchable ball. Cody preferred to drive rather than shoot, because of the two enviable outcomes that usually ensued: either he finished at the rim or drew a second defender, leaving a teammate open for a pass. He always had a choice—the layup or the kick-out—but he trusted himself to evaluate the odds and make the right one.

Cody played for a club basketball team in Redondo Beach, so at least once a week Don chauffeured him to Los Angeles, and Orange County wasn't much farther. Don called two of the area's prominent quarterback coaches. One was too expensive. The other, Steve Calhoun, invited Cody to work out at Cerritos College between basketball games. After the session Calhoun and Cody stood 15 yards apart on the field, firing footballs at each other's faces. Calhoun awarded two points for a ball at the face, one for a ball at the midsection. First to 10 was the winner. Calhoun, who played quarterback at New Mexico State and for nine years in Europe, prevailed that day. But he recognized that he had just met a 14-year-old who would soon take him down. 'We changed his footwork and his mechanics," Calhoun says. "But his accuracy never changed."

Cody started at point guard as a freshman in high school, at quarterback as a sophomore. The Central Valley does not produce many downfield threats, so coach Bryan Nixon urged Cody to sustain drives. Kessler took Nixon's message seriously, maybe too seriously. He berated himself for interceptions, and even incompletions, compelling his father to remind him of other great quarterbacks who misfired once in a while. "He didn't want to hear it," Don says. "He'd get so mad at himself. It ate at him." Cody kept Calhoun late if he didn't like the spin on his spiral or if he hit an open receiver on the wrong shoulder—or the wrong side of the correct shoulder. In the Central Section championship against Bullard High rain was expected. Nixon brought wet balls to practice. "Cody flipped out," the coach recalls. "He was so worried." He threw for 306 yards in the Fresno muck. The next year he threw for 36 touchdowns and two interceptions.

Cody leaned toward Washington, coached by Steve Sarkisian, a former Carroll lieutenant who also prized catchable balls. Sarkisian had watched Kessler play hoops—the way he absorbed contact in the lane, the way he spotted teammates before they sprang open, the way he set up wings and let them work—and believed he'd found the ideal commander for a no-huddle offense. In the spring before his senior season, in 2010, Cody and his dad squeezed into Nixon's office at Centennial, and the coach fished Sarkisian's business card out of his drawer. Cody was committing to Washington. "Is there anybody who could change your mind?" Nixon asked.

"No," Cody said.

"What about USC?" Don asked.

"They haven't even called," Cody replied.

As Nixon prepared to dial Sarkisian, the phone rang. Don saw the name flash on caller ID: Clay Helton, USC. "Hey, Coach," Helton said, when Nixon picked up. "Am I too late?"

Cody's first trip to USC, five years earlier, had been unforgettable, the 2005 epic against Fresno State, when the Trojans piled up 50 points and 508 yards to edge the Bulldogs 50–42. Cody, 12 at the time, sat in the nosebleeds above the student section in a Reggie Bush jersey. Ten years later, when asked about that game, he contorts his body to mimic Bush stopping on the sideline before reversing field for a touchdown.

"So do you want to call Sark now?" Don asked, after Nixon hung up with Helton.

"Dad," Cody said, " *it's USC*."

He roomed with Cody Gifford, a walk-on receiver and the son of Bakersfield legend Frank Gifford. He played country music. He went line dancing. He was a source of amusement and curiosity. "Where's that been?" then coach Lane Kiffin asked when Kessler unleashed a 70-yard heave for fun in practice. Kessler could fling it when he wanted, but where was the sense in a Hail Mary when he could so easily find Marqise Lee underneath with room to roam? As Kessler undressed in the locker room at the Sun Bowl in 2012, after Wittek played every snap of a 21–7 loss to Georgia Tech, he wondered if USC was the right choice. *Should I transfer?* Kessler, then a freshman, thought. Before he could even consider his response, a reporter asked that very question. "No," Kessler blurted out. In the tunnel on the way to the bus he told his dad, "I'm going to win this job next year."

He became the most stable part of a turbulent program. Kiffin was famously fired at LAX following a 62–41 loss to Arizona State in September 2013. Defensive line coach Ed Orgeron was promoted, on an interim basis, only to be passed over at the end of the season; that same day Sarkisian was tabbed as the Trojans' new leader. Orgeron met with players in the morning, to say goodbye, and Sarkisian met with them in the evening, to say hello. At one point during that tumultuous '13 season former USC tailback Marcus Allen also addressed the squad and locked eyes with Kessler in the back row of the meeting room. "This is your team now, whether you like it or not," Allen said. The '13 Trojans somehow reached 10 wins.

Kessler helped bridge the gulf between Sarkisian, who replaced a father figure in Orgeron, and a damaged locker room. Last month, when Sarkisian went on his alcohol-fueled rant during the annual Salute to Troy event, Kessler took his spot on stage at Loker Track Stadium and delivered the speech traditionally given by the head coach. The band played. The fireworks exploded. "Somebody had to do it," says a booster who was among the crowd of approximately 1,200. "In that moment he emerged as the leader. He did what he always does. He did what needed to be done."

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Unlike the main character in his favorite song, Kessler is not a rebel child, nor is he from a family meek and mild. His father scared him with enough true stories about real 21-year-olds in prison doing life without parole. Kessler's forearms are ringed with rubber bands and friendship bracelets trumpeting his many pet causes: one from a cousin who had skin cancer, one from an aunt who teaches special ed, one from a boy who died of a brain tumor, one from troops serving overseas.

In middle school Kessler asked his parents to take in a basketball teammate who had hardly anywhere else to live, and they obliged. In high school he asked the same for a football teammate. Shawn Johnson stayed in the same room as Cody's younger brother, Dylan, and graduated from Montana State last spring as the school's leading all-purpose rusher. Johnson is back in Bakersfield with Don and Christie Kessler, in the house with the USC flag out front, down the road from the alfalfa farm that's becoming a development. The sheep are gone.

On the field—and only on the field—the Trojans encourage Kessler to tap into his hometown's outlaw spirit. Last season Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers uncorked 18 interceptions, tied for the most in the NFL. Brees finished with 17, Andrew Luck 16, Peyton Manning 15. No passer wants picks, but for the most prolific they're a natural consequence. "Cody is such a conscientious person," Sarkisian says. "He wants everything right all the time." If a receiver's split is three yards off, he will call timeout. If his route is two yards short, he will look him off. Sarkisian loves that about him. "But there are times," the coach adds, "it doesn't matter if he's three yards off."

For this season to be as perfect as Kessler desires, he will have to stomach some mistakes. "We have pushed Cody to let it go a little," Sarkisian says. "There will be some failures. But you don't know how far you can get until you push yourself." Sarkisian is not advising him to fit 30-yard missiles between two defenders. He is just emphasizing that Kessler can do way more than check down. "I'm always telling him, 'Dude, let's rack up some yards!' " says sophomore receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster. "I'm trying to change him, but Cody is always going to make the best decision for the team."

Kessler will never turn into some Favreian daredevil, but he acknowledges times last season when he should have launched incompletions instead of taken sacks, percentages be damned. Six preseason Top 25 teams loom on the USC schedule—Stanford, Arizona State, Notre Dame, Arizona, Oregon and UCLA—and he won't be able to manage all those games. He'll have to seize some. Then he'll head off to the NFL and hopefully buy a new pickup, while order is restored at the Coliseum. The next ballyhooed quarterback in the Trojans pipeline is freshman Sam Darnold, 6' 4" out of Orange County.

But Darnold can cool his flip-flops while a boot-stomping All-America sniper from Bakersfield takes aim at the shiny trophies. As far away as they are, four months over the horizon, he makes them look catchable.

Broadcast journalism senior balances school and sports as Trojans wide receiver

By Olivia Niland, Daily Trojan, Nov. 25, 2015

USC Annenberg students are known for being busy both on-campus and off-, but for senior Robby Kolanz (Broadcast and Digital Journalism '16), busy takes on a whole new meaning when football season rolls around each fall.

That's because Kolanz has been a junior wide-receiver for the USC Trojans for the past three seasons, and his typical weekday during the fall semester starts at 6 a.m., followed by meetings, a few hours of practice, more meetings in the evening, and class and extracurriculars in between.

"After you do it for a few semesters you really get in the groove of things," Kolanz said. "It's definitely a big commitment but it's something that's so rewarding and worth every second."

As a reserve walk-on for the 2015 season, Kolanz has played in about half of the Trojans' games so far, both on the road and at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Off the field, he's interned for the USC Sports Information Department, USC Athletic Director Pat Haden, and Student Sports, a Nike Football affiliate. Kolanz is also a contributor to Annenberg TV News (ATVN), a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, and on the executive board of USC's Students Against Sexual Assault organization.

Kolanz keeps a busy schedule as a student athlete, but said the close bonds he shares with his teammates make all the work worthwhile.

"It's been an awesome year and it's been so cool to be a part of this kind of resilient battle that we've been going through now," Kolanz said. "I'd say that in my tenure at USC this is the closest team I've been on in terms of all the teammates being so close as a family type of atmosphere."

A Southern California native, Kolanz was a top football player at Palos Verdes High School, and he first became involved with journalism there, too, as a sports anchor and then a lead anchor for the school's television station. Broadcast journalism is also something of a family business, as Kolanz's late grandfather is local broadcasting legend and USC alum Stan Chambers, who was an award-winning KTLA reporter for 63 years.

"I grew up visiting him up at the studios and we'd be sitting around the dinner table, me and my family, and watching him on the TV," Kolanz said. "He's been my role model since I was a little kid, so he definitely sparked my interest in broadcast journalism."

Seeing his grandfather's dedication to his career inspired Kolanz to pursue broadcast journalism, and also helped him to connect with some of his instructors at USC Annenberg, including adjunct professor and award-winning broadcast journalist Jeffrey Wald.

"He's an amazing guy, and he actually happened to be my grandfather's producer at KTLA for a number of years, and I didn't even know that going in," Kolanz said of Wald. "He's definitely been influential in my development as a journalist."

Wald, who taught Kolanz in JOUR 306, a broadcast production class, said the student athlete's commitment to storytelling was evident in the work he produced. Wald said Kolanz always looked to incorporate new technology in his reporting, and even shot several broadcast packages with his iPhone.

"He was able to think beyond the usual ways of shooting stories to find the really interesting people angles," Wald said. "I don't know how he did it because he's on the football team and is a popular kid, but Robby was an outstanding student."

Kolanz also counts among his mentors USC Annenberg lecturer's Graham Robertson and Jeff Fellenzer, who teaches sports business and journalism.

"He kind of took me under his wing the first day I met him," Kolanz said of Fellenzer. "He's just a great guy and a great ambassador for Annenberg as well as USC in general."

Fellenzer, who taught Kolanz in JOUR 380: Sports, Business and Media in Today's Society, said he came to know Kolanz during his class as a thoughtful and engaged student. Fellenzer even had the chance to see Kolanz play high school football, as the son of a family friend was also on the Palos Verdes team.

"I had already heard what a good player Robby was, but also that he was an even better person," Fellenzer said. "That has certainly proven to be the case in getting to know him over these semesters, and Robby definitely has a very bright future."

Both Kolanz and his USC Annenberg instructors noted that the school is uniquely suited to providing student athletes a top-notch education and a chance to pursue their passions at USC, whether that be sports or anything else.

"Across the board, the entire Annenberg program is amazing, and every teacher I have I'm just blown away by their various talents and commitment to bettering us as students," Kolanz said. "I think it's so cool that USC does such a good job of bringing in the right people for the jobs."

Kolanz said he's interested in pursuing sports journalism, and in 2014 received the Chick Hearn Scholar Award, presented by USC Annenberg and the Los Angeles Lakers, alongside friend and fellow broadcast journalism major Caroline Deisley at the Staples Center.

"That was one of the coolest experiences of my life, and growing up I would literally fall asleep listening to Chick Hearn every night when the Lakers were in season," Kolanz said. "Coming full circle and being awarded something with his name on it was a huge blessing, and being on the center court and accepting it with one of my best friends at USC was amazing."

Set to graduate in the spring, Kolanz is already fielding job offers, and said his dream career would combine sports business and journalism. He said though being a student athlete hasn't always been easy, it's taught him skills he'll carry with him after he leaves USC.

"Juggling school and sports equips me with the ultimate preparation, in my opinion for taking on the real world," Kolanz said. "With all these commitments and everything that I have on my plate, I do think that I'm going to be so ready when it gets to that time, and I feel ready to take on my next stage in life."

Utah football: Osa Masina, Porter Gustin happy to fight on at USC

By Kyle Goon, Salt Lake Tribune, Oct. 21, 2015

Tamina Masina can't pick a favorite son, so how could she pick one jersey?

She went her own way, like she always encouraged her sons to do. She designed her own shirt for the Masina family member who will be out in Los Angeles this weekend: It spells out "UTAH" in horizontal type, and "USC" in vertical type, with the schools sharing the "U." It lists the names and numbers of her sons, Uaea and Osa, who will be playing in the game.

It will be the first time anyone can remember the brothers on opposing sidelines.

"I'm gonna be cheering the whole game," she said. "Just for whoever is on defense."

It's a unique dilemma as the No. 3 Utes face the Trojans this weekend at the Coliseum. Sophomore Uaea Masina is a linebacker for Utah, while five-star recruit Osa elected to leave his home state to join USC.

Osa has seen significant time at inside linebacker, where he has 22 tackles and recovered a fumble for a 46-yard touchdown in his first college game. Uaea is a reserve who has made two tackles this year, but could get more reps with starter Jared Norris' uncertain status this week.

Both are ready for the possibility that they could go head-to-head on special teams.

"It's hard to explain, because in high school, we were on the same side, and now we'll face each other, and it's like, 'What's gonna happen?'" Uaea said. "Mom's happy because she can cheer for both of us. She'd probably be more mad if one of us blew out the other."

The weekend represents more than just a brotherly reunion. Osa was one of Utah's big in-state recruiting targets last year, along with his teammate and fellow linebacker Porter Gustin. Both Masina and Gustin have been playing this year for USC (3-3), and will be trying to take down the team that once courted them.

The duo were the top two in-state prospects in a banner year for Utah football talent. The Utes whiffed on both, who committed to Steve Sarkisian.

Two months into the season, Sarkisian is gone after off-field troubles led to his firing. But both Masina and Gustin are steadfast: They'll continue to fight on at USC.

"We miss Sark, but we think Coach [Clay Helton] is great," Gustin said. "You make friends along the way here, in the weight room, in practice. Everything kinda comes together. I'm good friends with my position coach (Peter Sirmon). I'm always with him, and that helps out."

The Gustin family has remained equally gung-ho about the Trojans. Scarlett Gustin, Porter's mother, said she painted her toe nails cardinal and gold in anticipation for the upcoming game. She's been to all but two games this year with her husband.

On Sarkisian's midseason exit, the family was hurt to see a man they've come to care about struggle. The former coach is currently in rehab.

"Coach Sarkisian is a really good man, I think he just ran into some problems," Scarlett Gustin said. "It put everybody in a bind, so that part is not very fun for everybody, but I hope he gets better."

Osa told the LA Daily news this week that his freshman season had not gone "how I'd pictured." But he, too, is a committed Trojan. Tamina said he picked his school for the players, the education, the location, the setting. He knew full well that coaches come and go.

Uaea called Osa not long after the news dropped. He knew at that moment, Osa needed a brother. Uaea related how he handled the offseason departure of Kalani Sitake, a coach he was close with.

"I just wanted to make sure he was all right with everything going on," he said, "and if he needed anything I could give him."

This weekend, the relationship is different. They admit they're trying to beat each other. Tamina said she's torn: She knows one son will lose. But she's trying to celebrate that one will win.

There's a lot on the line for the Utes, who are 6-0 and with a realistic shot of making the College Football Playoff. USC doesn't want to drop below .500, and the Trojans are trying to hold things together in a difficult season.

With all that on the table, the Masinas will try to keep it friendly — as much as they can, anyway.

"It's the same as when he went to SC," Uaea said. "I told him then, do whatever makes you the happiest. I'm going to cheer for you, and then when you're going against me, I'm just not gonna cheer for you as hard.

Added Uaea: "It's the same with all of our brothers. We're always cheering for each other."

For Jake Olson, blindness is a conquerable obstacle

By Eric He, Daily Trojan, Oct. 8, 2015

Being blind is supposed to be a hindrance, a deterrence that takes away your vision, your future, your dreams.

But don't tell that to Jake Olson, a freshman long snapper on the football team who has no eyesight but plenty of determination.

When head coach Steve Sarkisian called on him to deliver his first snap during a live field goal drill at practice one Wednesday morning a few weeks ago, Olson jumped right in.

"I felt ready," Olson said. "It was something I did thousands of times. It was not letting the situation get in your head … Just do the same thing you always do."

That mindset has pushed Olson through life, helping him cope and overcome obstacles that come with being blind.

Born and raised in nearby Huntington Beach, Olson was diagnosed with retinoblastoma, a rare form of eye cancer at birth. The tumor spread fast and caused him to lose his left eye at just 10 months, but doctors were initially able to salvage his right eye.

However, throughout the next 12 years, the cancer came back time and time again — eight occurrences in all. Olson exhausted nearly every treatment — chemotherapy, laser, radiation, chirotherapy — but the tumor was persistent. Fearing the cancer would spread to the brain, doctors had no choice but to remove vision in Olson's right eye as well.

So, at the age of 12, Olson faced a daunting, unnerving reality.

"It was scary and overwhelming because I was like, 'How am I going to walk? How am I going to know where I'm going? How am I going to text? How am I going to eat? How am I going to do all these easy things?'" Olson said. "You really have to relearn how to do them."

Before the procedure, though, Olson received an invitation to hang out with the USC football team from then-head coach Pete Carroll.

At first, Olson thought he was simply going to watch the team practice. But it turned out to be the full package — Olson did everything with the team from eating dinner to sitting next to Carroll on the team bus. Olson's final night prior to surgery was spent at the USC practice field with Carroll and the team raising his spirits and wishing him the best.

"It really made me part of the team, and I felt like how I feel now … the camaraderie and the brotherhood and the support you get with being on the football team," Olson said. "During that time of my life when I was going to confront going blind, it really meant a lot to have that love there."

After the procedure, Olson continued to play flag football in middle school, which he said was not overly taxing. But high school football at Orange Lutheran — a state powerhouse — was too much of an injury risk for him, and Olson reluctantly sat out his freshman and sophomore years.

The competitive itch tore at him. He missed being on the field and having fun with his teammates. So he decided to try out for the only position in football that didn't require sight: long-snapper. He spent every day for three months over the summer learning the position from scratch.

"When I first started I couldn't snap the ball," Olson said. "I didn't know what the heck I was doing. It took two or three months of really practicing hard to start seeing some progress."

But he made incredible progress, and when the school year started, Olson became the starting long snapper on the varsity football team.

"It was cool to see the practice pay off, but it was also being on the field and knowing I was contributing," Olson said.

Olson has also found time to serve as an inspiration to others. Since his story became public, Olson has received numerous speaking requests. His foundation, Out of Sight Faith, raises money for blind kids to receive the necessary technology to succeed in the classroom. He has written two books, the first when he was just eight years old and the second in 2013, titled Open Your Eyes: 10 Uncommon Lessons to Discover a Happier Life.

"There are a bunch of principles in there that can apply to any circumstance," Olson said on the book, which he co-wrote with leadership coach McKay Christensen. "Just getting through adversity and how to live a happier life. It's a very inspiring book, and that's what I'm about — helping people and inspiring them."

Olson said that in facing adversity it's important to always push forward and he advises other kids growing up blind to do the same.

"The only thing that's going to stop you from getting to your true potential is you," Olson said. "And so find a will, find a way to get things done and get to where you want to be. And trust me, when you do, it's going to be so satisfying."

Growing up a die-hard USC fan, his choice for college was a no-brainer. Olson was awarded with the Swim With Mike Scholarship, which funds physically challenged athletes, and he is settling in at USC. He uses his guide dog, Quebec, to get around. Still, there are daily challenges that range from walking to class to brushing his teeth.

"I'll never say that you cannot do anything, but I will say that it does take an extra step of thinking and being creative in ways to find how to do it," Olson said. "It doesn't mean you can't do it. It's just a little difficult to just do normal things like walk or do homework or figure out which toothpaste is on your toothbrush."

If there is a silver lining, Olson said it's that being blind has given him the chance to appreciate others truly for who they are and not their appearances.

"Sight can really deceive you at times," Olson said. "Not being able to see has allowed me to view people for who they are. I think that's a really cool thing. If you ask me, it really isn't about how someone looks."

Olson cites his faith in God and his support system of family and friends as his main inspirations. But the motivation goes both ways — Olson said he feeds off others who look up to him, too.

"People tell me how much I inspire them," Olson said. "But in turn that inspires me because I know that I'm making an impact. That's what helps me keep going, just knowing that I'm making an impact in people's lives."

This positive mindset has gotten Olson to his dream scenario, wearing the cardinal and gold on Saturday nights.

"I'm on the team that I admired for so many years," he said. "I was so excited [to put on the Trojan uniform]. I couldn't believe what I was wearing. The first day and the last day, it's going to be the same feeling of, 'This is a blessing.'"

His teammates, while attentive to his needs, treat Olson like just another player, which Olson says is a "great mix." Growing up a die-hard Trojans fan not far from the Coliseum, he said that it is surreal to head out of the tunnel as part of the team.

"I always pictured myself as a kid up there looking down at the players in uniform and admiring them," Olson said. "And so when I'm in uniform down there, I can only imagine … I'm one of those guys now, which is a crazy thing to think about."

Which brings us back to that practice a few weeks ago on a Wednesday morning, with Olson receiving the call to take his first live snap. With players, coaches and media watching, Olson calmly stepped up and delivered the snap. Not surprisingly, it was perfect, and the field goal was good, prompting a celebration and good feelings all around, a group of star athletes in solidarity with a blind kid from Huntington Beach living out his dream, continuing to say "yes" when everything around him kept screaming "no."

"It was a cool moment for everyone out there," Olson said. "It was awesome."

Proving Himself

By Katie Ryan, USC vs. Washington Game Program, Oct. 8, 2015

Few college football programs can compete with the lineage of linebackers to come out of USC. Trojan legends like Junior Seau, Clay Matthews, Jack Del Rio and Richard Wood come to mind, not to mention 1998 Butkus Award winner Chris Claiborne.

Recent greats include Keith Rivers, Lofa Tatupu and the trio of Rey Maualuga, Clay Matthews and Brian Cushing. Those last three were showcased together on the cover of Sports Illustrated's 2009 NFL Draft preview issue. All of them are inspirations for young football players.

Trojan freshman middle linebacker and freshman All-American candidate Cameron Smith was inspired by his favorite player, Brian Cushing, and hopes to add to the growing legacy of USC linebackers.

He seems to be on his way. Smith started against Arkansas State in USC's opener, becoming the first true freshman to start a season opener at middle linebacker since Riki Gray Ellison in 1978 and he started the next three games as well.

Smith is by no means the only freshman to play this year. He is among 15 who have seen action, including fellow freshmen linebackers Osa Masina and Porter Gustin, both of whom have also played extensively.

But Smith, however, is the team's leading tackler with 30 and ranks second nationally among true freshmen in tackles.

His journey to USC began in his hometown of Granite Bay, Calif. He was promoted to varsity as a sophomore at Granite Bay High. That year, his team defeated Long Beach Poly to win the California Division I state title. Many colleges reached out to Smith, but he had his eyes set on one program.

"USC was my first choice," Smith said. "I wanted to be a part of the tradition. Also, Brian Cushing is my favorite player. I wanted to follow in his footsteps."

Once he received the offer to play at Troy, his recruiting process was complete. "I knew I wanted to commit, he said. "It was the best day of my life for sure."

Halfway across the country, Smith's idol, former Trojan All-American and current Houston Texan Brian Cushing knew he was going to USC.

"I knew when he committed," Cushing said. "It was a big deal. He was an elite prospect. I heard the comparisons between us, and I heard him talking about me."

Smith came from an excellent pedigree in terms of his coaching and development. Former Trojan linebacker and two-time national champion Dallas Sartz coached Smith throughout his high school career.

"He was a stud and such a good player to coach," said Sartz, the former two-time Trojan captain. "He always made my job easy and made you look good as a coach. It's great to see him out there, and I know he's only going to continue to improve."

Smith's determination was unwavering even before stepping on campus.

"I just wanted to get here and play as soon as possible," he said.

Smith graduated early from high school and began attending classes at USC during the spring semester. The transition was difficult, as it would be for any student who could still be a high school senior.

"The first six months were terrible," he said. "I went home a lot. Watching the Snapchats and seeing everybody have fun was hard. However, I thought it was a great choice. Today, if I had to do it all over again, I would make the same decision because of how far ahead it put me. I feel so much more confident on the field, and it's helped tremendously."

As Smith began spring practices with the team, the then 17-year-old began to make the transition to the collegiate level of play.

"I think the tempo of practice was the biggest adjustment," Smith said. "However, I feel like any true competitor should be able to adjust quickly to the players around him. When the speed around you is increased, you increase yourself."

Smith was determined to prove to the coaching staff that they made the right decision when signing him.

"I wanted to go out there, make plays, feel comfortable and make people turn a head at me."

He did just that. He dazzled the media and USC fans with his many interceptions and impressive hits during spring ball. After a spring practice in March, Coach Steve Sarkisian said, "What he's shown is that he's a better athlete than we gave him credit for."

"Hearing Coach say that was a really good feeling because that's what I came here to do," Smith said. "I was happy that I was starting to prove myself."

The coaching staff noticed Smith's special abilities early on, and Sarkisian decided to bestow him with a special honor.

"I came here planning to wear number 10. I wanted to be the next Brian Cushing. One day, Todd Hewitt (Director of Equipment Operations) came to me and said that my number was changed to 35. I was really confused and upset," Smith said. "I immediately walked up to Coach Sark's office to ask what was going on. He sat me down and told me that 35 is a number at USC that means a lot and would fit me perfectly. He said that he really wanted me to wear it."

Smith then learned of the talented fraternity of Trojan linebackers who donned the number before him. It began with linebacker Riki Gray Ellison in 1978, and was also worn by players such as All-American Scott Ross and Jeff Kopp.

"It's an honor, he said. "It's awesome to be a part of that category with the other great names. Someday, I want my name to be thrown in with all those other incredible players."

The middle linebacker is known as the quarterback of the defense. In a 4-3 defensive scheme, he has the toughest job because he needs to cover the most ground on the field. He has to be a jack-of-all-trades. He must possess the strength and aggressiveness to stop the run as well as a defensive lineman, and the speed and athleticism to defend against the pass like a defensive back. Like all linebackers, he possesses high levels of intelligence and aggression on the field. Smith knew in order to secure playing time, he had to master these skills.

"I didn't want to settle for sitting on the sidelines," he said. "I wanted to get ahead of the game as much as possible, understand what was happening and know my responsibilities. I just want to help impact the game."

USC's linebackers coach Peter Sirmon echoes similar thoughts about the position.

"We don't really talk about leaders at linebacker. We just talk about how we can impact others," Sirmon said. "I think different people look at leadership differently. Some people think it's an age deal instead of impacting others. I want the guys to impact others regardless of what graduation year they're in."

The impact Smith has brought to the Trojan defense is evident.

"I've watched him," Cushing said. "He's doing an incredible job. My freshman year, I started at strong side linebacker, and it's not easy with the expectations and the increased level of play. He has done an unbelievable job of adjusting immediately and playing at an extremely high level."

Said Sirmon: "I think you're seeing him be productive because he's a very mature young man. He has excellent football instincts. He's very diligent about learning, and he's improved every day."

In addition to his accolades on the field, Smith is excelling in the classroom. The communications major currently boasts the fifth highest GPA on the team with a 3.43.

"We are held to a higher standard here," Smith said. "We have to get our work done. In those free moments without class or football, you have to do your homework and you have to study."

Sartz, his former coach, was not surprised to learn of Smith's many successes.

"He really has his head on straight. He entered USC with the right attitude, both academically and athletically. It's expected from him."

Coach Sirmon notices these qualities as well.

"Usually the guys that are successful early in their career are guys that are mature and have everything in order," he said. "He's a guy that is consistently getting good reviews from the professors. Then you see how he studies the game and how he practices. He always shows up on time, and he's ready to learn. It doesn't surprise me that he's doing well in every area."

Even amidst Smith's impressive accomplishments early in his young career, he remains extremely modest.

"He's very respectful, and he's humble," Sirmon said. "He is all the things that you like to see in a teammate and the type of guy that we try to recruit more of."

Smith hopes to build on the legacy left behind to him by previous Trojan linebackers. In the pursuit of becoming the best linebacker in college football, Cushing offers the following advice: "Keep improving every year. Continue to be a student of the game. Keep going after it every single day. Never be satisfied. Stay healthy. Stay humble. Stay hungry."

USC's JuJu Smith-Schuster eccentric in all pursuits

By Brian Hamilton, Sports Illustrated, Sept. 18, 2015

Though Elmo may have loved them, his love was unrequited. The presence of the red monster, in the form of JuJu Smith-Schuster's ubiquitous backpack, had run its course. That same cavernous grin of delight, that same inexorable joy in eyes that followed you everywhere, every single day…USC coaches and teammates were almost *bothered* by it. No accessory better suited the buoyant 18-year-old receiver who wore it. It didn't matter.

This is a new year, the coach said. Get a new backpack, the quarterback said.

So off went Smith-Schuster to Lakewood Center shopping mall. His first stop, the Disney Store, didn't have anything worthwhile. Then he arrived at Spencer's, the mother lode of disposable kitsch. There, he located a backpack that was firmly of the moment and of a new era, one that would set him apart and please everyone from the McKay Center to his little brothers and sisters. Plus, it was like 10% off.

This is the story of JuJu Smith-Schuster and his Minions backpack.

"Dude, it lights up," Smith-Schuster says. "It speaks. I had to step my game up. My Elmo backpack, it was just Elmo with nothing."

There is always something with JuJu Smith-Schuster. He is an AirWheel-riding, cartoon knapsack-wearing, Ultimate Frisbee- and rugby-dabbling sophomore for USC who's likely next in the line of great Trojans wideouts.

You might say that he is an archetype for how a fiercely independent player can thrive in a regularly stuffy team sport, but this implies someone will follow Smith-Schuster's example. That would require a player willing to shape his hair into a Mohawk and then paint it cardinal and gold while wearing a kid's backpack to football practice. He then must very diligently put in work that will permit him to likely catch about 1,500 yards or more of passes before he turns 19. The prospects of finding such a person seem highly dubious.

But that's sort of the point.

"Everybody is different, everybody has their own character," Smith-Schuster says, as USC's Pac-12 opener against Stanford looms Saturday. "Our equipment man, he always tells me, 'Be yourself. Don't ever change. This brought you where you are today.' I'm not going to change just because you don't like me. That's me. I wouldn't change for anybody, and I wouldn't want anybody to change."

It's a fine philosophy. But if he wasn't the caliber of player who can record 10 catches for 192 yards on a single night, as Smith-Schuster did against **Idaho** last weekend, you can be sure the demands of coaches or other outsiders would stomp this perspective into dust particles. USC's star sophomore has earned the space he's given. Smith-Schuster has a fascinating capacity to be meticulous and conscientious about both setting himself apart and fitting in perfectly, demonstrating a football ambition that, in some ways, his position coach has never seen.

Yes, Smith-Schuster may receive team-issued socks and, just to be contrary, be sure to wear them differently than everyone else. He also spent an off-season drilling down on minutia like route-running and improving his release off the line, mindful that the raw ability in a 6'2", 215-pound frame would only get him so far. "When it comes to football, he's all football," USC receivers coach Tee Martin says. "No distractions. Always early. Attentive in meetings. I've never had an issue, not one, with him trying to do something to be different. Not when it comes to football."

The 54 catches for 724 yards as a freshman—which helped earn him second-team All-Pac 12 honors as an all-purpose player—underlined that. But the assiduousness had been established long before.

Playing in the premier little leagues of the Los Angeles area and then for powerhouse Long Beach Polytechnic High ensured that Smith-Schuster set the nonsense aside for football. Had he not, the competition would've devoured him. "By the time he got to high school," Martin says, "he was already a street legend out here." He had been raised to distinguish times to work and times to play. Through high school, Sundays were for church and homework, with no exceptions; the first time Martin called Smith-Schuster on a Sunday during the recruiting process, the assistant's call went unreturned for hours. When Smith-Schuster finally called back, he apologetically explained this one non-negotiable condition of his college courtship.

Once he committed to the Trojans, Smith-Schuster says he began studying the receivers already on the roster, standouts like George Farmer and Nelson Agholor, as well as any defensive backs he knew he'd face once he arrived on campus. The All-America honors at Long Beach Poly didn't dull his workplace strategy at USC. During team walkthroughs, Smith-Schuster trailed veterans to their positions and stood within two or three feet of his position-mate. "Right on his heels," Martin says. "Like his shadow." At the snap, Smith-Schuster traced the steps of the player taking the *actual* rep, running the same route, even pantomiming a catch after the ball landed in the other player's hands.

No one asked Smith-Schuster to do this. He just did it. Martin initially bristled at what he perceived to be a freshman clowning around simply because he hadn't seen anything like this. Then he altered his diagnosis. "No, this dude is *serious*," the Trojans assistant remembers thinking. "He doesn't want to come out."

It was quite a plan: Smith-Schuster would be the next in a line of great USC receivers by being…next to them in line. Though it's a bit of a platitude, the Trojans believe this ambition explains the abundant early returns on the field. "JuJu is, if not the most, one of the most competitive guys on our team," head coach Steve Sarkisian says. "It's all day, every day."

"That's why I came here, that's one of the reasons receivers come to USC," Smith-Schuster says. "You had (Marqise) Lee, you had Robert Woods and George and Nelson. And then who's the next guy? We don't know who the next guy is. It drives me a lot. I want to leave my legacy here knowing I was one of the best receivers at USC."

It's impossible to guarantee anything about a teenager. But it's easier to be optimistic about these aspirations when you consider that the underpinning is a fairly scrupulous, emotionally intelligent perspective.

After USC eviscerated rival Notre Dame by 35 points in the regular-season finale last November, most of the Trojans left the locker room and went directly to family and friends for celebration. Smith-Schuster, as a high-profile local kid riding the adrenaline swell of victory, had every reason to do the same. Instead, he made his way to the visitors' locker room where he waited outside for more than 10 minutes for a hello and a hug with Mike Denbrock, the Fighting Irish assistant coach who recruited him.

Then there was the day JuJu Smith became JuJu Smith-Schuster, a day planned since the talented receiver finished his high school career. Lawrence Schuster met JuJu's mother, Sammy, when JuJu was four years old. They married two years later. In JuJu, Lawrence saw a little boy who could run and catch and loved to be outside, so he introduced his stepson to football. The two engaged in video game battles over the years—Lawrence was good at *Madden*, JuJu says, but he was also always interested in old fighting games like *Tekken* and *Mortal Kombat*—and now just mostly talk about life, family and school, like inseparable fathers and sons do.

"Without him," JuJu says, "I wouldn't be where I am today."

So last summer, when he had the time, he began the arduous process of honoring that feeling. He signed papers, his parents signed papers, his biological father signed papers—"It's not easy," JuJu notes—and now he has new licenses and student ID cards with a new name.

After an offensive series in the opener against Arkansas State, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum video boards showed a replay of one particular catch. For the first time over stadium loudspeakers, the receiver on the screen heard five syllables that brought a smile to his face: *JuJu Smith-Schuster*.

"It was pretty cool," he says.

It is another way Smith-Schuster is just a little different, another anomaly that makes him precisely who he is. He will be the player who cuts down an already cut-down Under Armour shirt and who doesn't wear arm bands or sleeves because he believes the less gear you wear, the less you're weighted down and the faster you run. He will be the kid who stops by the rugby and Ultimate Frisbee clubs at USC, not to play but just to check them out and "network," as he puts it. He will be the guy riding the AirWheel to Koreatown or a downtown movie theater with his friend Kevin, whose last name escapes the USC receiver, so for the purposes of conversation he's just Kevin From Somewhere Near Oakland. He will wear a Minions backpack for a year, or presumably at least until everyone starts complaining again.

Will Smith-Schuster become the next great USC wide receiver?

To answer that, maybe it's instructive to return to the moment he says he met Kevin From Somewhere Near Oakland.

It was Kevin who owned an AirWheel at the time Smith-Schuster came across him on campus. His curiosity duly piqued, the USC receiver says he introduced himself and asked about the contraption, and the two exchanged numbers. Soon enough, after some practice, Smith-Schuster had his own AirWheel. It was a simple process, really. He saw something he coveted. And he set to work.

"If I want it," Smith-Schuster says, "I'll try to get it."

Family Over Everything

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In the 2009 football film The Blind Side, Sandra Bullock's character is quoted as saying, "The team is your family...Protect your family." While this is true for all athletic teams, it is also representative of the Polynesian culture. Trojan senior fullback Soma Vainuku's family roots run deep at USC and so does his Polynesian heritage.

Vainuku's introduction to football came in the sixth grade.

"I was always too big to play when I was younger. I could just make weight in sixth grade playing with the eighth graders," he said.

Not only was it the first time Vainuku would get his cleats dirty, it was the first time his cousin, former USC All-American and current Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Rey Maualuga would step onto the field at the Coliseum.

"I was in the sixth grade when he was a freshman at USC and went to the National Championship," Vainuku said. "I remember watching that game and being really excited. To see him being successful at USC when I was just getting started was really inspirational and motivating."

After a successful career at Eureka High in Northern California, it was Vainuku's turn to make the transition to college. He received offers from the majority of the Pac-12 schools, but USC was the university he had been dreaming of attending.

"From going to games and being around the school, to seeing Coach Carroll and being at the jock rallies in Heritage Hall, everything just pointed in the direction for me to come to USC," he said.

Vainuku decided to join the Trojan Family and enrolled in school early in the spring of 2011. This proved to be a good move for the young player as he was undergoing a position change from tailback to fullback.

"When I got here, I had to learn how to block," Vainuku said. "It came hard to me at first, but I knew I needed to be a versatile player and a team player. I learned that in order to be successful, you need to make yourself valuable."

The fullback position is not the flashiest in USC's offense – or in any offense really. It is, however, is an integral piece that allows the other positions to perform well. It takes a selfless person to play fullback.

"The fullback does a bunch of different things in our offense," Vainuku said. "We give mismatches. For example, sometimes we have two tight ends and sometimes we go with a fullback and a tight end. I think that Sark does a good job with mixing up those types of personnel."

Running backs coach and special teams coordinator Johnny Nansen values the fullback position for its versatility and grit.

"Everybody wants to talk about who the starting tailback is," said Coach Nansen. "No one wants to talk about the guy who does the dirty work. Those guys (the fullbacks) are the ones that get it done."

Entering 2015, Vainuku had 144 career yards on 22 carries to go with 17 receptions for 124 yards with three combined touchdowns. But for Vainuku, the blocking aspect of the position is his favorite.

"When I learned how to block, I realized how there is a real art to it," he said "in relation to the combinations with the tight ends and the offensive linemen. It makes it really fun."

The mental aspect of playing the fullback position typically goes unnoticed.

"The fullbacks can be some of the smartest guys on the team because they have to identify who opposing players are and quarterback themselves," said Nansen. "You have to be really smart to play this position in our offense."

Going back in time, USC has been a place where Polynesian football players have thrived. Names like Junior Seau, Fred Matua and Troy Polamalu are part of a legacy of Polynesian players making Troy their home.

Today USC has a number of Polynesian players including sophomores Toa Lobendahn, Damien Mama, Viane Talamaivao, JuJu Smith-Schuster and freshman Osa Masina. Vainuku takes it upon himself to look out for the young Polynesian players.

"The Polynesian culture is a very tight-knit community," he said. "There are not that many of us. It's very family oriented. A Polynesian person could walk by right now and even if I've never met them in my life, I will automatically have a bond with them. You can meet a Polynesian person for the first time and immediately they're your best friend."

Vainuku and the other Polynesian players refer to themselves as the "Uce Crew."

"Uce (rhymes with deuce) is Samoan for 'bro'. We all see each other as brothers and we're always together," Vainuku said.

When young Vainuku came to campus, he observed Maualuga taking care of his fellow Polynesian players.

"I remember when I was here for the Rising Stars camp, I watched Rey look out for Christian Tupou, who was then a freshman," Vainuku said. "Ever since then, I felt like it was a calling. I want to pass on that culture. I always take care of the young guys like they're my brothers. When it becomes their time, I know they will do the same thing."

Vainuku's coaches also see these characteristics in their fullback.

"Soma is one of those kids who comes once in a lifetime," said Coach Nansen. "He loves his teammates. The kids look up to him and respect him, and obviously, he's an unbelievable football player. I'm really proud to have the opportunity to coach him."

USC has a history developing phenomenal Polynesian fullbacks like Mosi Tatupu and Stanley Havili. Vainuku understands the importance of keeping the Trojan Polynesian legacy alive.

"I feel honored to be a part of it, especially since I get to wear Stanley's number," Vainuku said. "Stanley was an all-time great here as a fullback. Putting on that 31 jersey means more than just a number. I know that someone before me wore it with so much pride, and I need to do the same thing. I'm trying to carry on that legacy."

Vainuku not only believes he is a leader to the Polynesian players, but to every young member of the Trojan squad. At 23 years old, he is the oldest member of the team.

"I think the players look up to me more so now than ever. I need to be a leader for them and instill in them mental and physical toughness. I need to make sure I set a good example because a lot of them look to me and watch the way I carry myself at practice."

Coach Nansen believes Vainuku's characteristics are vital for a winning program.

"He's that sparkplug that the team needs," said Coach Nansen. "In order for a team to be great, you have to have players who are like coaches. Soma is that guy."

Throughout Vainuku's time at USC, he has not only gained experience on the football field that will hopefully propel him to the next level, but his academic successes and USC degrees will provide him a future after football. Vainuku has earned his bachelor's degree in Policy, Planning and Development and is pursuing his master's degree in Real Estate Development.

"I worked for Caruso Affiliated over the summer. It was absolutely one of the best things I could have ever done," he said. "It was awesome to get out there and get some work experience. Through my internship, I learned that I want to work in commercial real estate after I'm finished playing football."

As Vainuku's time at USC draws to a close, he hopes to leave with a capstone season.

"I believe that this team is very special," he said, "and that we can go far."

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